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Three town managers to tackle Tri-Town turmoil

By ALISON ALOISIO

The town managers of Woodstock, Greenwood and West Paris will work together as a committee to look for a solution to Tri-Town Ambulance's troubles.

That was the decision at a joint meeting last Thursday of the select boards of the member towns.

The committee will also include a selectman from Sumner, which does not have a town manager.

Recent disagreements among members of the rescue service, its auxiliary and the Board of Directors — some of whom are the same people — have left the service in tur-

moil.

"There's too much overlapping," said Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield, who moderated the meeting.

'We need to think of it as a business, as opposed to volunteers pitching in.'

JANE CHANDLER
Tri-Town charter member
and former coordinator

West Paris selectman Denny Henderson agreed. "The board should not be in-house," he said.

The service's bylaws, which govern board representation, were rewritten two years ago.

But, said past coordinator and charter member Jane Chandler, it was not the intent of the authors that members of the auxiliary and rescue be so heavily rep-

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Sheriff's Department investigating home invasion in Andover

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Oxford County Sheriff's Department is investigating a home invasion Sunday in East Andover.

At about 7:30 p.m., two armed men in their mid-20s forced their way into a home on the East Andover Road, according to Deputy George Cayer.

Both had weapons other than firearms, he said. (Because of the continuing investigation, the specific type of weapon is not being disclosed.)

A man and his wife were in the home at the time, and two small children were asleep, Cayer said.

The husband was injured as a result of an attack, said Cayer. The injury was minor and did not require medical attention.

The names of the victims are not being released.

The men fled before officers arrived.

"We believe we have a motive for this," two suspects to target this home and one of the occupants," said Cayer. "We are confident that this was not a random crime, and neighbors in the area should not be overly concerned."

But, said Cayer, they should be alert to suspicious activity and report it to law enforcement.

In addition to county officers, officers from the Rumford and Mexico police departments also responded to the scene.

W'stock special Town Meeting will deal with road account overdraft

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock will hold a special Town Meeting Dec. 27 to deal with road accounts that are overdrawn by approximately \$30,000.

Selectmen are proposing to take the funds from the Surplus Account, which has about \$420,000 in it.

Half of the overdraft was spent on fixing the Concord Pond Road following last July's heavy rainstorm, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said Tuesday.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

provided about \$9,000 toward the work, Maxfield said.

The Farnum Road also needed work as a result of the storm.

Repairs were done, said Maxfield, but the roads were also improved to prevent such a serious impact in future storms.

The remainder of the overdraft is attributed to work on the Curtis Hill Road.

Improvements to the road were in the town's plan, Maxfield said, but had not been

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As treetops outside glisten



Irene Anderson of Albany crocheted a string of snowflakes to help decorate the Christmas tree at the Gehring House in Bethel. She displays one here at Sunday's Lewin Center Christmas party, held during a pre-Christmas snowstorm. For more Holiday Season photo, including a close up of the crocheted snowflakes, please see Page 13.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Local efforts help ensure good reads ship out with crew aboard USN's newest 'tin can'

By ALISON ALOISIO

A new warship will soon leave Bath Iron Works for Boston, to be commissioned as the U.S.S. Sampson.

Aboard the ship is a library, stocked with books donated by American citizens. Some of the books came from the home of Dave Conary of Woodstock.

Conary is now seeking book donations from others in the Bethel area, so U.S. troops around the world will have something to read when they are off-duty.

"I can't think of a finer thing to do for our troops," said Conary, who said he will transport any books provided by lo-

cal people. The books project is known nationwide as "Operation Paperback."

'Operation Paperback' collects books for members of all our armed forces.

Tom Hall of Bath coordinates some of the collections in Maine. His effort was featured on WCSH6 TV several months ago.

In an e-mail to Conary thanking him for his donation, Hall wrote, "Although the Navy does think to include a space onboard as a library,

with book racks, comfortable chairs and good lighting, budgeting for the purchase of books is not included.

"I was on board when [the Sampson's] newly stocked library opened, and the crew was ecstatic ... In the months ahead, after initial training, the ship will be deployed to the Persian Gulf. When you read in the future about the USS Sampson, please know

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Well-published poet sees Bethel as convivial to those who 'strictly meditate the thankless Muse'

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Active retirees abound in Bethel, but few aspire to scale the cloud-capped crags of Parnassus.

Or if they do, they tend to keep their mouths shut about it, preferring to let their poems speak for themselves.

For that reticence, many of us are grateful.

But in his own 36 years in the biz, Bruce Guernsey has known all types of poets, and most, he said, are more than

happy to discuss their personal efforts to — in the words of John Milton — "tend the homely slighted shepherd's trade."

In his roles as teacher, editor, and fellow poet, Guernsey has been a part of countless such conversations.

Early in his career, Guernsey taught poetry and literature at William & Mary, Johns Hopkins, and Virginia Wesleyan.

For the final 25 years in academia, after earning his doctorate, he taught at Eastern Illinois University, from which

he is currently Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

For his teaching, Guernsey was awarded seven faculty-excellence awards while at EIU, and in 1992 was awarded the State of Illinois Board of Governors' Distinguished Professor Award, the highest honor offered in that state system.

He was also twice nominated for the Carnegie Institute United States Profes-

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The Lady and the Tramp

As my mother's memory dims
she's losing her sense of smell
and can't remember the toast
blackening the kitchen with smoke
or sniff how nasty the breath of the dog
that follows her yet from room to room,
unable, himself, to hear his own bark

It's thus they get around,
the wheezing old hound stone deaf
baying like a smoke alarm
for his amnesiac mistress whose back
from petting him is bent forever
as they shuffle towards the flaming toaster
and split the cindered crisp that's left.

Bruce Guernsey

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Letters

SNOW SCULPTURE WASTEFUL

To the Editor:

I read The Bethel Citizen every week. In recent issues I learned that we have a Conservation Committee in Bethel and that Gould Academy is "going green." Little things like saving water by not having food trays to wash add up to saving energy.

Then I read that a group in Bethel wants to raise \$25,000 for diesel fuel to make snow and hire a crane to build a snowman on The Parkway to a height to exceed the height of "Angus." My first reaction was — What a waste! This money and effort could be channeled to help people in need to heat homes or buy food. Some people in Bethel are trying to conserve to help global warming and save fossil fuels for the future. Others want to use fuel to build a structure that will melt in six weeks.

This same \$25,000 could be used to fund the Mountain Explorer so that Maine taxpayers don't have to.

Perhaps snow sculptures from natural snow could be built by hand along The Parkway as an alternative to wasting money on making snow and hiring a crane to construct something to attract visitors.

Robert Blake
Bethel

LIVING NATIVITY CASTING CALL

To the Editor:

Well, it is that time of the year again in which we as a community celebrate the Christmas season in many ways — Country Christmas in Bethel, school programs, church services, caroling, business and family open houses, and the annual Living Nativity, presented on the Bethel Common by the people of the community.

It is a wonderful opportunity that this community still affords itself, to quietly remember the foundational meaning of Christmas amidst all the hustle and bustle of everything else that has become part of the celebration. How refreshing. How appropriate. What a joyful thing to gather the community around for at this special season of the year.

So, this is the annual call to all who would like to get involved in the presentation again (or for the first time) this year.

It takes a lot of people to "pull it off," and we would like to include everyone. We need shepherds, wise men, angels (big and small) and others who can work together with others to fill the cast. We also need community choir members who will sing in the gazebo. Finally, we are also in need of animals (the four-legged kind), sheep, goats, cows or any farm animals.

If anyone would like to be involved at any of these levels, preparation will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

So come, don a costume, grab a shepherd's staff, put on a king's crown, or grow some angel wings and a halo (if for but a short time).

We also need a crowd to watch, listen and sing, so come and be a part of this special community Christmas celebration. The presentation will begin at 5 p.m. on the common, next to the gazebo.

If anyone has questions, or would like to let us know of willingness to help in advance, please call (or leave a message) at 824-2289 (Bethel Alliance Church).

We'll see everyone on the 23rd on the common. For more information, call Drew Webster at 824-2175 or Nancy Bellinger at 824-4567.

Merry Christmas!

Drew Webster
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.

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In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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LEWIN CENTER CELEBRATION THANKS

To the Editor:

The Lewin Center's Gehring House was in festive spirit last Sunday. The beautiful snow added to the magic, but undoubtedly kept many people at home. We missed those people who wanted to come but couldn't. We were thrilled with the many who braved the elements to help us celebrate. There were lots!

I'd like to thank a host of people who contributed to the event. The planning team worked industriously and enthusiastically to pull it all together — chairperson Ginger Kelly, talented decorators Ruth Barrett, Walter Brough, Jodi Carter, Ginny Gamble, and Stacey Sahin; organization, entertainment, photography and other details: Lynn Arizzi, Amy Lehman, and Jan Stowell.

Delicious food was provided by the Victoria Inn, the Good Food Store, the Sudbury Inn, the Sassafras Market, and the Serendipity Café. Musicians and other entertainers were Lynn Arizzi and the Senior Players, Jim McLaughlin and the Gould Academy band, Lynn Arizzi leading carol singing, and children's story-tellers Jackie Cressy, Deb Lewis, Tineke Ouwinga, and Peggy Wight. Thanks also to Pooh Corner Farm for a gorgeous poinsettia (which was a door prize), Bonnie Pooley and Gould Academy students for energetic shoveling, Sally Taylor for the Seeds of Peace donation project, Sharon and Seabury Lyon for decorating help, Irene Anderson for crocheted tree decorations, Lee and Al Barth for poinsettias, and Jay Hanscom for lots of general help.

Three door prizes were drawn. Congratulations to Sarah Southam, lucky winner of the poinsettia from Pooh Corner Farm, Lauren Head for the chocolate Santa from Village Sweets, and Mackenzie White for a gift certificate from the Victoria Inn.

Thanks to everyone for the inspiring team efforts and collaboration. We have lots of ideas and energy for next year's celebration!

Nancy Davis
Program Director, The Lewin Center

Tri-Town

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LOOKING FOR A SOLUTION—Selectmen and town managers from Woodstock, West Paris, Greenwood and Sumner met in West Paris last week to discuss options for the future of Tri-Town Ambulance. Here, Greenwood selectman Loretta Mikols asks a question of Bob Hand (standing at left), the director of PACE Ambulance of Norway. In the foreground, Tri-Town Asst. Chief Craig Colman and Chief Norm St. Pierre listen. Others pictured at the table are (from left) Sumner selectman Mark Silber, Greenwood selectman Wayne Hakala, Mikols, West Paris selectman Wade Rainey, West Paris selectman Denny Henderson, West Paris Town Manager John White, Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield and Greenwood selectman Fred Henderson.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

resented on the board.

The plan, she said, was for the towns to be generally represented by people appointed by the selectmen.

Chandler also said she believes finances are contributing to Tri-Town's problems.

Because the organization has grown over its 25-year history, she said, "we need to think of it as a business, as opposed to volunteers pitching in."

Tri-Town now has an outside treasurer, former Woodstock selectman Steve Bies.

Several of the 30 people at the meeting wanted to hear from Bob Hand, director of PACE Ambulance, about the possibility of that service taking over coverage of the four towns and Milton Plantation.

Hand attended the meeting along with Pat Cook, the senior director of clinical services for Stephens Memorial Hospital.

PACE is a department of the hospital.

Hand said that while he did not want to see Tri-Town fail, there is potential for PACE to take over the service and manage the station in West Paris.

The town officials decided the best plan would be to establish a small committee, made up of the town managers and a Sumner selectman, to look at both short- and long-term options for the service.

The managers, the group decided, could be the most objective.

"If we have 'patches' to put on the current organization, we'll bring that to the [Tri-Town] board," said John White, West Paris town manager.

Bies urged the committee to act quickly. A Tri-Town board

meeting last week was cancelled due to lack of a quorum, he said, and without board approval the time will come when he won't be able to write checks.

In the longer term, the committee will look at options such as revamping the bylaws or contracting with PACE.

Maxfield envisioned the committee's role as fact-finding and reporting.

"The Tri-Town board must make the decision," he said.

"Would there be a PACE proposal in the near future?" asked Wayne Hakala, a Greenwood selectman and auxiliary member.

"The initial footwork is needed," said White. "There will be a time and a place to do that."

The committee was scheduled to hold its first meeting yesterday (Wednesday).

Woodstock

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budgeted for this year.

"We were losing the road to wear and tear and rain," he said.

"We did get some wonderful work done," said Maxfield. But I feel awful [the accounts] were over that much."

Trust funds also needed

Voters will also be asked to approve \$6,173 from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account to complete the payments for a 2007 Sterling plow truck and plow.

The cost of the plow gear was more than had been anticipated, Maxfield said.

The meeting must take place next week in order to close out the town books for the year, he said.

Selectmen waited until the end of 2007 on the possibility other issues might need to be included on the warrant, he said.

In our back yard:

Save energy and money while shopping

Energy prices are projected to soar this winter. You may wonder how you'll do your holiday shopping and still afford to heat your home. Keeping your gas tank full this winter will also be a challenge.

Waiting in traffic, looking for parking spaces, and driving long distances for a single gift are all bad for your wallet and for our air quality. Here are some simple tips for a more economical holiday season:

Make a shopping list. You do it when you buy groceries, so why not do it before you start your holiday shopping? Sit down and think about who you'll buy gifts for — family members and friends, co-workers, and even your children's teachers. This will save you the hassle of rushing off to the store at the last minute. If there is someone on your list who's hard to buy for, don't sweat it! While you're shopping for other people on your list, the perfect gift could jump right out at you!

Get crafty. If you enjoy carpentry, knitting, painting, cooking, or other types of crafts, perhaps you should consider making gifts for people this holiday season. Encourage your children to make their holiday gifts too. If you need some inspiration, visit familycrafts.about.com. Gifts that people can eat, wear, or decorate their homes with are all the more special when made by a loved one.

Buy locally. Shop at craft fairs and stores that sell Maine-made products. Not only will you support local businesses, but you'll buy quality products that haven't been shipped across the country (or the world). You'll save fuel in your own vehicle — and in the delivery trucks.

Shop online. So you still haven't found something for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list? Instead of driving far and wide to get the perfect gift, do a little online shopping. Most major retailers sell their merchandise on the Internet, giving you the convenience of a secure checkout and fast delivery. Online gift certificates are also popular. You can print them from your computer and share the ease of online shopping with your friends and family.

Make one big trip. Instead of spending time by yourself sitting in holiday traffic, invite someone to go on a one-stop holiday shopping extravaganza. Not only will you both save gasoline, but you'll have a great time, too!

This holiday season, spend your money on gifts instead of gas. You'll have more time to enjoy the festivities — and you'll be doing a favor for the environment, too.

By Stefany Gregoire, assistant director with the Maine Energy Education Program. "In our back yard" is a column of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Representatives of the Bethel Inn presented the town's Planning Board with a plan for a renovation/expansion project of the inn's main building.

More than 110 people attended the Bethel Rotary Club's annual Senior Citizens' Christmas dinner at the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post.

Sunday River held a grand opening for its two-lane, 1,700-foot long tubing park.

Births: Robert Charles Jewell, III, Jared Clyde Billings.

Deaths: Pauline M. Shatney.

20 years ago: To the delight of both downhill and cross-country skiers, the Bethel area received about 12 inches of snow in two storms.

The GAMM II building was taking shape at the Bethel Industrial Park, adjacent to the airport.

Excavation had begun at Gould Academy for the school's new 15-meter ski jump under the direction of ski coaches John Wight and Paul McGuire.

Birth: Patrick Clancy Beaton.

Deaths: Abbie Foster Norton.

30 years ago: Eighty-nine members and guests of the Bethel Senior Citizens group enjoyed a ham dinner served by the Rotary Club at the Congregational Church.

Seven bids were received for the purchase of timber at the Bethel town farm; the selectmen voted to award the bid to the highest bidder, Malcolm Gross.

A candlelight Christmas service, led by Rodney Hanscom, was presented at the Newry Community Church.

Deaths: Phyllis M. Hyam, Maurice E. Roy.

40 years ago: A fire destroyed the barn and shed, and damaged the adjoining two-and-a-half story house owned by Harold Carver.

Fred Burk was the director of the Sunday River Ski School, assisted by certified instructors Larry Cox and Jerry Smith.

The Andover Women's Club held their annual Christmas banquet at Madison's in East Rumford.

Birth: Kandy Melinda Roberts.

Deaths: Mrs. Hilda Crocker, James A. O'Neill, Mrs. Lena Fleming.

50 years ago: Stoneham native, Sidney Littlefield, observed his 100th birthday.

The annual Christmas program of the Newry schools was presented at Bear River Grange Hall.

The Gould Academy Christmas formal was very well attended. Music was furnished by Lennie Lennan of Portland.

Births: Wanda Lou Hamlin, Nancy Jean Melville, Brent Arthur Gilbert.

Deaths: Mrs. Olive H. Tuell, Daniel Ulback, Oliver E. Lawrence, Mrs. Annie Labier, Leslie E. Abbott, Leroy C. Holt.

60 years ago: Gould basketballers defeated Rockland in an exciting game. The score was 38-33.

Miss Beth Abbott, music supervisor, presented a Christmas musical program by the Primary and Grammar schools at a P.T.A. meeting.

Deaths: Harry J. Cohen.

70 years ago: J.D. Harvey was operating a shop for general automobile repairing in the Naimay building on High Street.

Prof. Zerby of Bates College conducted Vesper Services at the Waterford Church.

Deaths: Mrs. Velzora M. Bartlett, Mrs. Della Howe Lane.

80 years ago: The Jacobson Fruit Co. of Portland opened a store in the Naimay building.

On account of uncertainty crossing at the ferry, school was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Godwin. There were also classes held at Miss Gwendolin Godwin's.

Deaths: Mrs. Alma Swan Stanley.

100 years ago: Grace Farwell of West Bethel was teaching in Jefferson, N.H.

W.H. Merrow of West Bethel was doing a large business at his taxidermist shop in that village.

Deaths: Scott Goodwin.

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Briefly

Mountain lion study planned

DEXTER—A group of Dexter Regional High School students and a teacher-adviser are planning to investigate and prove the existence of mountain lions in Maine. Teacher Regan McPhetres says the group has set up a hot line for sightings, and that a survey will be mailed to people who call. Students will then follow up with either face-to-face interviews or phone calls. The group also plans to collect hard evidence such as photos, scat samples, tracks and hair. The students also will create a map of the sightings. There is an ongoing debate about whether Maine is still home to any mountain lions, also known as cougars, pumas or catamounts. The big cats, which can weigh up to 200 pounds, disappeared from the state in the 1800s, but there have been numerous reports of possible sightings in recent years.

Killington owners ruffle feathers

KILLINGTON, VT.—When Killington Ski Resort was sold last summer, people saw it as a new beginning for the venerable but neglected "beast of the east." The honeymoon didn't last long: A series of unpopular moves by new owners Powdr Corp. and SP Land Corp. have ruffled feathers among locals, worried some real estate interests and triggered at least one lawsuit. The owners have laid off workers, refused to honor "lifetime" passes and closed a major lower lift and neighboring Pico Mountain for midweek skiing, saying the decisions are the tough love needed to whip Killington back into the gem it once was. For some, it's a bitter pill. "It's an unfortunate situation," said Jill Post, 66, of Killington, who's been skiing the mountain since the 1960s and is now suing over her "lifetime" pass. "We were so excited when we found the area was sold." The new owners spent \$85.2 million to buy Killington and sister mountain Pico from American Skiing Co. last May. Powdr, of Salt Lake City, which owns five resorts in the West, took over the ski and snowboard operation; SP Land, of Dallas, plans to develop a long-proposed ski village at Killington's base. "This place has a wonderful history. It's a gem of a resort. It just needs to be polished back up," said Killington President Chris Nyberg.

CORRECTION

A board member—An article in last week's Citizen on Tri-Town Ambulance should have said Doreen Wilbur was a member of the service's board.

New courses on the way at Central Maine C.C campus in South Paris

With the spring 2008 semester, Central Maine Community College's Western Maine campus is offering several new courses: "Introduction to Computer Aided Design (CAD)," "Web Development" and "Introduction to Western Philosophy."

"Introduction to Computer Aided Design (CAD)" is an introductory drafting course utilizing AutoCad on Windows-based personal computers. Taught by a practicing architect, this course offers an overview of CAD — what can be done and how to do it, including a coverage of drafting fundamentals. Students will learn the necessary commands and functions to produce a variety of two-dimensional drawings. This course uses a hands-on approach, with all topics being directly applied in the CAD lab. The class is scheduled for Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:25 p.m.; the cost is \$336 plus books.

"Web Development" is a broad-based introductory course that will teach all the fundamentals to make Web pages, cover many types of websites and post them on a website. Students will design Web pages that can be deployed to FTP and FrontPage websites. The class will cover the basics of using HTML and JAVA scripting, how to develop a website and register a domain name as well as the costs and locations to do so. Students will be required to deploy a small website on the World Wide Web, using a Web server on campus. All learning will be in a lab environment where students will directly apply instructions using individual computers. The class is scheduled for Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.; the cost is \$336 plus books.

"Introduction to Western Philosophy" introduces students to the principles of critical thinking and provides practice in applying these principles to everyday decision-making and argument analysis. Students will learn to distinguish between rational thoughts and feelings, identify assumptions, identify the quality of evidence, clarify by asking questions, fairly-mindedly analyze multiple viewpoints, and make reasonable judgments. Students will apply principles of clear thinking to evaluating messages from the news media and advertising. The class is scheduled for Fridays from 9 to 11:55 a.m.; the cost is \$312 plus books.

"As our student population continues to grow here in the Oxford Hills, we are committed to increase the number and variety of courses available in the Western Maine Center," said Barbara

Livingston of Central Maine Community College's South Paris campus. "We know that for many students and prospective students, it's a distinct advantage to offer college courses here that are both convenient and accessible to the Oxford Hills communities."

Spring semester classes start the week of Jan. 14. These classes are open to the general public as well as those enrolled in a CMCC degree program. For more information or a complete schedule of spring 2008 classes, call Barbara Livingston at 743-9322 or blivingston@cmcc.edu or www.cmcc.edu. The Western Maine University and Community College Center is located at 232 Main Street in South Paris.

This January Western Maine University and Community College Center (WMUCC) will offer courses in Peace and Reconciliation Studies, a certificate program of the University of Maine. University College will offer six courses in the 18-credit online curriculum.

Peace and Reconciliation Studies examine the conditions that make for peace, with a special emphasis on reconciliation (forgiveness) as a vital factor in that process. It investigates the obstacles to peace and challenges those who engage in it to develop new ways of thinking and acting in the world.

Courses in the online program are accessible to students without home Internet access through University College's state-of-the-art computer lab. The center offers assistance to all students enrolled in online courses from the University of Maine System campuses.

"Offering Peace Studies to those who, for whatever reasons, can't come to our campuses is a true expression of access to education and the democratic process of peace," said Tina Passman, academic director of the program.

During the spring semester, UMaine will offer the following courses at the center: Peace and Pop Culture, Buddhism, Peace and Contemplative Traditions, Sacred Earth: Ecology and Spirituality, Theories in Peace Studies, Forgiveness, Luther King: Beloved Community and Social Renewal.

For more information about offerings in Peace Studies, and about other courses and programs offered by Western Maine University and Community College Center, please call 743-9322. To learn more about the Peace and Reconciliation Studies program, please contact Tina Passman at tina.passman@umit.maine.edu. Registration the spring semester is open and ongoing.

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Books

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that you helped make their lives a whole lot better as they serve us, a whole long way from home."

Hall said his volunteer group will continue to send 200 to 300 books a week to troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world.

Conary started putting out requests locally last month. When a few people offered books, he contacted the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond to see if he could store them there for a time.

'Romance novels are discouraged.'

Not only did library officials offer the space, said Conary, but they also plan to donate 500 books.

Among the most popular types of books, according to the Operation Paperback website, are action, bestsellers, biographies and memoirs, fantasy, history, horror, mysteries, science-fiction and true crime.

Romance novels are discouraged.

If enough books are collected in the Bethel area, Conary will rent a truck to take them to Hall in Bath.

Conary may be contacted at 665-2717 or david127@megalink.net.

For more information on the nationwide project, see www.operationpaperback.org.

Poets

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sor of the Year.

Early last year Guernsey assumed the editor's chair at The Spoon River Poetry Review, which twice yearly publishes the work of both well-established and aspiring poets.

Back East, and to Maine

A native of eastern Massachusetts (and avid Red Sox fan), Guernsey long planned to return to New England when he retired from college teaching.

In 2003, while visiting friend and fellow poet Wesley McNair at the University of Farmington, Guernsey ventured over this way for a bit of fly fishing, near the mouth of the Rapid River.

His stop in Bethel was unplanned.

"I pulled off Route 2 into Bethel for the 'historic village' heck of it," Guernsey said, "and thought the town charming. I still do."

The following year he and his wife, the artist and jeweler Victoria Woollen-Danner, purchased a home on Paradise Hill.

They currently divide their time between here and a home in Charlestown, Ill.

But the Bethel stays (at first confined to the warm months) are growing longer, and the couple plan to retire here when they wrap up their affairs in Illinois.

XC coach carves fine lines

During a stay in Bethel in the spring of 2006, Guernsey agreed to give a talk and reading at Gould Academy.

The discussion, "War and Poetry," was based in part on his latest volume of poems, "The Lost Brigade," which

was published in 2004.

Several weeks later the unexpected happened — but it started off with what-for-poetry editors is a dreaded and all-too-common occupational hazard.

"A friend of mine at Gould told me about a colleague of hers who wrote poetry," Guernsey recalled.

"Good poetry," she was quick to add, knowing that as editor of Spoon River I get some that's not so good," Guernsey said.

"That writer of poetry turns out to be Dick Taylor, whom I didn't know at the time."

Before retiring at the end of the last school year, Taylor had taught here for more than 30 years — Latin, German, world literature, and in its infancy, computer science.

He is also an internationally known coach of Nordic skiing.

Retiring freed Taylor to spend more time with an old love, writing poetry.

Decades ago he had a poem published in a short-lived and obscure journal.

But still, he said, "I don't consider myself a poet; I just write poems."

Call it what you will, but Guernsey thinks Taylor's efforts show evidence of genuine talent.

"Dick brought me some of his poems, and I was impressed

... OK, surprised — It's not always ways that a ski instructor can turn a line of verse," Guernsey said.

"But the poems were a lit-

accepted his poem for the Fall 07 issue of The Spoon River Poetry Review.

And that is no small distinction.

But a limited number of copies of the Fall edition of Spoon River are expected to be available this week or next at Books N' Things on Main Street in Bethel.



BRUCE GUERNSEY

the stuff, a bit too literary and studied, so I suggested he think about skiing and how he moves going down a hill, fluid and at ease," Guernsey said.

"Think about how you'd instruct me to ski, Dick," I said.

"A week or so later, he'd revised several of the poems he'd shown me and had included another that I just loved, called 'From Jane.' It's got a wonderful sense of voice to it, as Jane talks to Tarzan about his having turned 70."

"Delightful," Guernsey said, "and even more delightful was calling Dick to tell him I'd

"The issue of Spoon River with Dick's poem has work from Kuwait, Greece, and Canada, as well as translations from Rumania and Hungary."

But count Taylor among those poets who consider their writing to be largely a private matter — at least on the home front, and at this stage in his own poetic development.

Despite the fact that his poem is soon to come out in a highly respected literary journal, with worldwide circulation, he declined, graciously, The Citizen's offer to reprint "From Jane" this week.

An audience of millions

In addition to his editorial duties, Guernsey continues to work away at his own craft. He has published three volumes of poetry, and a fourth, "New England Primer," is expected out in August.

A poem from the upcoming book, "The Lady and the Tramp," (Front Page) was also the second of Guernsey's selected for distribution by American Life in Poetry.

A joint project of the U.S. Library of Congress and The Poetry Foundation, American Life reaches more than 4 million newspaper and magazine readers each week.

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser edited American Life. In introducing Guernsey's poem, Kooser wrote, "Man's best friend is, of course, woman's best friend too. The Illinois poet Bruce Guernsey offers us this snapshot of a mutually agreed-upon dependency that leads to a domestic communion."

Guernsey has no plans to retire from writing when he and Victoria return to Bethel to live year round.

"Maine has a strong support system for the arts," he said, "and Bethel provides a wonderful combination of solitude, safety, and community that are essential for creative work."

(Beginning with next week's edition, The Citizen will include ALIP poems. —MRD.)



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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

One of the best things about the holiday season is all the wonderful old Christmas shows that air on television in the days leading up to the big event.

There is something comforting in having these perennial classic shows every year. It's sort of like having old friends home for the holidays.

Even though I've seen these stories over and over and of course know the outcome, they still have a strong emotional effect on me. Every time I hear Tiny Tim say "God Bless us everyone," I get teary-eyed. I delight if I hear a bell ring on a Christmas tree because I know an angel has gotten his or her wings, and I cheer for the misfit toys knowing that Rudolph and Santa will save the day.

My favorite of all the holiday classics is "How The Grinch Stole Christmas." I can't tell you how many times I have read that story to my children and their children. Watching the original movie is as important to my Christmas spirit as hanging a wreath on my front door. I just can't imagine a Christmas without "The Grinch." I guess it's the eternal optimist in me.

I keep hoping that others with tiny hearts will see the light and hear the song of the Whos down in Whoville. My hopes are frequently shattered like icicles falling from the eaves and smashing on the ground below.

I don't mean to sound so glum this festive time of the year, but I feel as though I have encountered way too

many "Grinches" lately. In fact, there is one in my cellar in the form of my oilaholic furnace. I can actually hear it guzzling oil from the tank like a drunk at a keg party.

Because of my oilaholic furnace I had a visit from an even bigger grinch the other day. I had an oil delivery to the tune of over \$800. I swear that oil tank grew ten times its size that day. Even little Cindy Lou Who would have had a few choice words with that kind of oil bill.

Even little Cindy Lou Who would have had a few choice words with that kind of oil bill.

Exxon/Mobil, who boast quarter after quarter about their record-breaking profits makes "The Grinch" look like Santa Claus. If there is a heart within the big oil companies I can tell you it's blacker than the coal in Scrooge's stocking.

And if my oil bill wasn't bad enough to dampen my spirits and enrich Grinchon/Mobil, my car needed a petroleum fix too. I felt as if I had been robbed twice in one day by the same Grinch.

The good news of that day was that it was my once-a-month payday. Though there wouldn't be a lot left for Christmas shopping, I would, at least be able to pay my oil bill. The bad news, however, was looking at the tax portion of my pay stub.

Being the last pay check that I will receive in 2007 I decided to do a quick tax assessment to see where I might stand at the year end.

This is when I realized that I had been visited by another Grinch...the U.S. Government. And I know adding insult to injury I will not get any of my tax dollars back. I know that the U.S. Grinch of America is going to demand more. It makes me so angry that I could spit pine needles at the President.

Of course, I'm not going to do that because I have no contact with the man and if I did it would just get me an orange jumpsuit and a room at Gitmo. At least I wouldn't have to pay the darn oil bill!

Unfortunately, all of the grinches that make our lives a little more difficult are beyond my control. There's no point crying over spilt oil and tax burdens. I might just as well sit back and watch a great old Christmas classic. It will amuse me and make me feel better for an hour or so and the way I see it, that's an hour or so that I won't think about the oil drunk grinch in my cellar.

Before I turn on the tube I do want to say to all my readers may your blessings be many and your fuel bills and taxes be few. May the grinches of the world stay away from your door and the love of your family and friends enter it. And may your Christmas be as joyful as the one down in Whoville. Merry Christmas to all!

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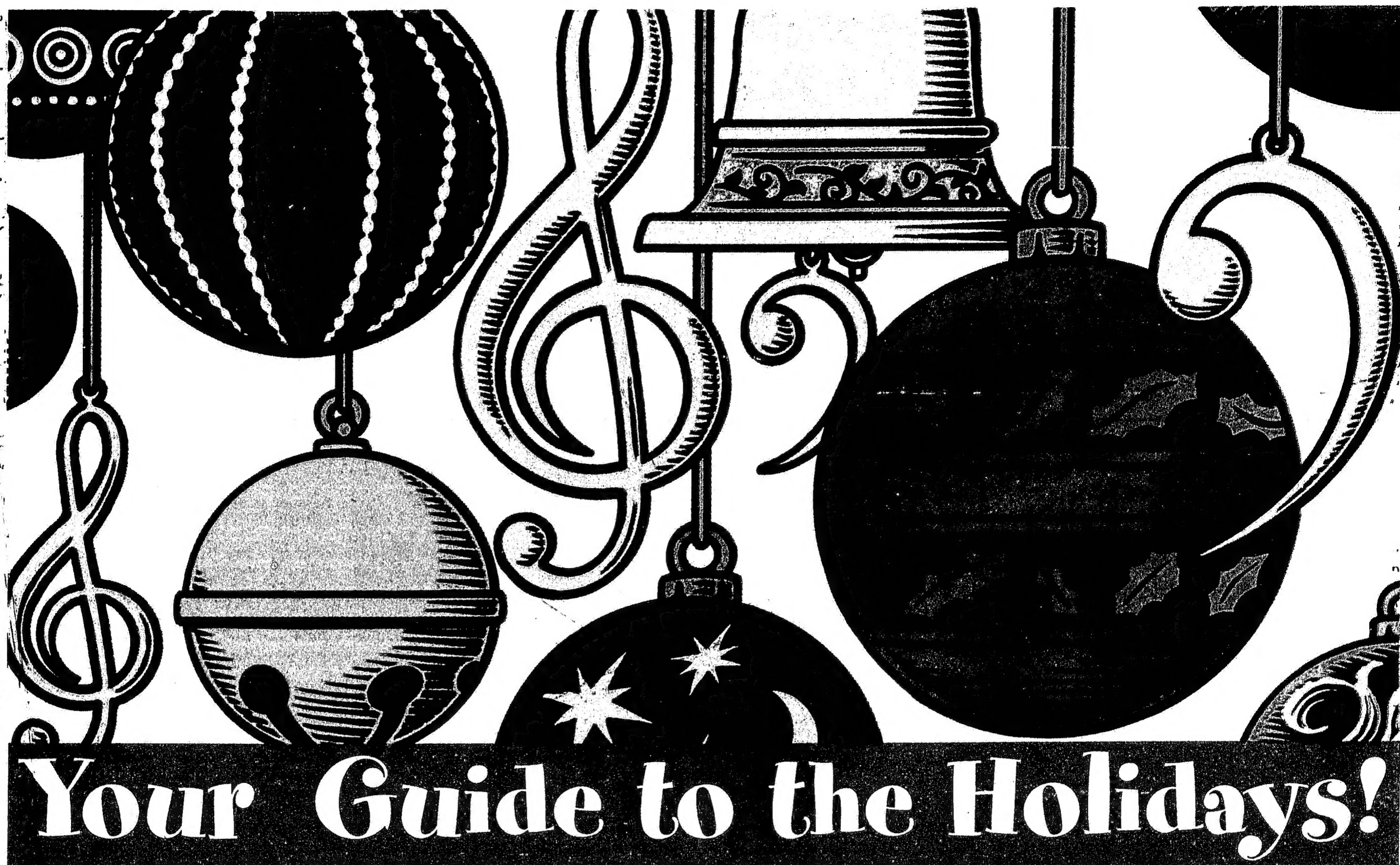
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Happening Around the Area

Country Christmas in Bethel December 1-23

Holiday activities and events include the Taste of Bethel & Theme Wreath Silent Auction (Dec 1), Christmas tree lighting & arrival of Santa (Dec 1), horse-drawn wagon rides, shopping specials, open houses, The Living Nativity (Dec. 23) -- a real country Christmas atmosphere! FMI 824-2282

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides!

Saturday, December 22

Don't miss this last "Bethel Country Christmas" wagon ride of the season! Saturday, 2:00-4:00pm. Treat the family to free wagon rides with Deepwood Farm along the streets of historic Bethel village. Meet on or near the common at the wagon ride sign. This week's rides are made possible by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Living Nativity Sunday, December 23

This is an annual community event with live animals, singing of Christmas carols and great performances by the local people. Anyone in the community is welcome to be a part of this. Contact Drew Webster at 824-2715 to let him know you want to participate. Live animals needed also.

Annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 23

There are many talented singers in the Bethel area! Sunday evening at 7:00pm at the Locke Mills Union Church. This choir is made up of singers from many of the area churches under the direction of Beverly Melville and accompanied by Lynne Ramsey. Refreshments will follow. Come and enjoy this beautiful concert!

10th Annual "New Year's Bethel" Celebration Monday, December 31

An affordable, chemical-free family festival featuring a variety of live entertainment at selected sites within historic Bethel Hill village. Advance tickets will be available at the following locations: Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Bethel Citizen, Maine Line Products (Locke Mills Store). FMI visit www.bethelhistorical.org

Excellent Treats for Your Christmas Morning Breakfast!

Crispy Hashbrown Casserole

Potatoes with a crunchy topping...great alongside eggs and bacon.

20 oz pkg frozen shredded hashbrowns, thawed
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1 tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
½ cup onion, chopped
10¼ oz can cream of chicken soup
2 cups sour cream
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 cups corn flake cereal, crushed

Combine potatoes, half cup margarine, salt, pepper, onion, soup, sour cream and cheese together; mix well. Spread into a lightly buttered 13x9 baking pan; set aside. Toss remaining margarine and corn flakes together; sprinkle on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serves 10 to 12.

Egg & Ham Biscuits

A tasty on-the-go breakfast!

1½ cup all-purpose flour
1 tbsp baking powder
1 tbsp sugar
1 tsp salt
¼ cup shortening
¾ cup milk
6 eggs
1 tbsp butter
6 slices American cheese
6 slices cooked ham

Combine dry ingredients in a mixing bowl; cut in shortening until coarse crumbs form. Stir in milk until just moistened; knead 6 to 7 times on a lightly floured surface. Roll dough out to half inch thickness. Cut into 3-inch rounds. Bake on ungreased baking sheets at 450 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly golden; set aside to cool slightly. Fry eggs in butter until set. Slice biscuits in half; layer an egg, a slice of cheese and a slice of ham on each biscuit. Replace tops. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Raspberry French Toast

Don't miss any of the fun Christmas morning! After you get the kids to bed Christmas Eve, just spend a few minutes preparing this recipe, refrigerate, then bake in the morning.

12 white bread slices, crusts trimmed, cubed and divided
28 oz pkgs cream cheese, cubed
2 cups raspberries, divided
12 eggs, beaten
2 cups milk
1/3 cup maple syrup or honey
1 cup sugar
2 tbsp cornstarch
1 cup water
1 tbsp butter

Place half the bread cubes into a greased 13x9 baking dish. Place cream cheese over the bread, top with one cup berries and remaining bread. In a large bowl, blend together eggs, milk, and syrup or honey; mix well. Pour over bread mixture, cover and chill for 8 hours or overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 25 to 30 minutes longer or until golden brown and the center is set. In a saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch; add water. Bring to a boil over medium heat; boil 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in remaining berries; reduce heat. Stir in butter until melted. Serve over French toast. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Brunch Egg Squares

To add to the fun on Christmas morning. Top this casserole with a fresh parsley and red bell pepper wreath!

3 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded
3 cups Mozzarella cheese, shredded
¼ cup mushrooms, sliced
¼ cup green onions, sliced
¼ cup margarine
8 oz cooked ham, diced
½ cup all-purpose flour
1¼ cup milk
1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
8 eggs, beaten

In a large bowl, lightly toss cheeses together. Sprinkle half of cheese mixture in an ungreased 13x9 baking dish. In medium skillet, cook mushrooms and onions in margarine. Arrange vegetables over cheese, layer ham on vegetables. Sprinkle remaining cheese over ham. In large bowl, using a wire whisk, blend flour, milk, parsley and eggs; pour over casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes or until mixture is set and top is lightly browned. Let stand 10 minutes. Makes 10 servings.

Cinnamon Roll Pancakes

These are so quick and easy to make!

1½ cup milk
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg
2 eggs
2 large prebaked cinnamon rolls

Beat milk, spices, and eggs together in shallow bowl. Slice cinnamon rolls in half horizontally and dip in mixture, coating well. Cook over medium heat on a lightly oiled griddle or in a skillet until golden brown.

Cinnamon Cream Syrup:

1 cup sugar
½ cup corn syrup
¼ cup water
½ to ¾ tsp cinnamon
½ cup evaporated milk

Combine sugar, corn syrup, water and cinnamon in saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook and stir for 2 minutes longer. Remove from heat and cool for 5 minutes; stir in milk. Serve over cinnamon roll pancakes. Make 1 and 2/3 cups.

Cheesy Holiday Eggs

Serve these with fresh fruit and muffins or coffee cake!

12 tsp half and half
12 eggs
pepper to taste
12 tbsp Cheddar cheese, shredded
6 tsp fresh Parmesan cheese, grated

Spray a 12-cup muffin pan or 12 custard cups with non-stick spray. Place one teaspoon half and half in the bottom of each pan or cup then break an egg into each. With kitchen food scissors, cut cross-wise through each egg yolk; sprinkle with pepper. Top each egg with one tablespoon Cheddar cheese and half teaspoon Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Loosen eggs with rubber spatula and slide onto a warmed plate.



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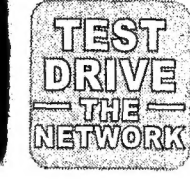
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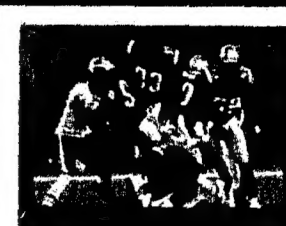
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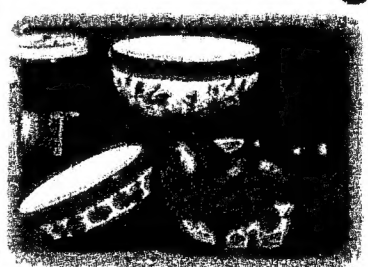
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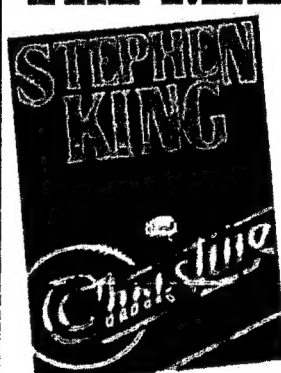
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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Dec. 18

At 1:20 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to the West Bethel Road to assist the Fire Department with a chimney fire.

Monday, Dec. 17

At 1:14 p.m. Chief Al Carr responded to the Sunday River Road for a two-vehicle accident. One driver was taken to the hospital by Bethel Rescue to be checked for a minor injury.

Saturday, Dec. 15

At 12:40 a.m. on Walkers Mills Road Officer T.J. Reese arrested Roland W. Clukey, 49, of Plymouth for OUI.

At 4:11 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to a 911 hangup call on Route 232. It proved to be a misdial.

At 8:35 p.m. Officer T.J. Reese responded to Ski View Drive in Newry to assist a county deputy on a burglary incident.

Thursday, Dec. 13

At 5:25 p.m. Officer T.J. Reese assisted Bethel Rescue with a medical call on Mason Street.

At 10 p.m. Officer T.J. Reese took a report of property stolen out of state, allegedly by a local subject.

Oxford County Sheriff's Dept.:

Sunday, Dec. 16

At 7:53 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker and Deputy George Cayer responded to the East Andover Road for a report that two subjects had forced their way into a residence and were fighting with the owner. The owner received a minor injury. The suspects fled prior to the officers' arrival. The incident is under investigation.

Saturday, Dec. 15

At 9:30 a.m. Deputy George Cayer responded to Route 2 in Newry for a report of a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road. The officer pulled the vehicle over. It turned out to be driver inattention and an obstructed view because the vehicle had a frosty windshield.

At 8:37 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Ski View Drive in Newry for a report that a property owner had returned home and found the front door had been broken into.

Sunday, Dec. 9

At 10:45 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis stopped a vehicle Route 26 in Greenwood for a traffic violation. The driver, Mark Zeekers, 19, of West Paris was given a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia.

At 11:30 p.m. Officer Mike Halacy responded to the Monkey Brook Road in Newry for a car/pole accident.

(Time not available) Officer Mike Halacy responded to Main Street in Andover for a report of an attempted burglary at a business.

Saturday, Dec. 8

At 7:06 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Sunday River Road in Newry for a report of a car off the road. Brian A. Schwarzauber, 42, of Cambridge, Mass. was arrested for OUI.

Bethel

Mayville and Around Town
By Donald G. Bennett

My ten-day Florida trip unfolded smoothly. By Wednesday after arrival weekend, I was able to pull together a small mountain of weeds and dead palm branches for the weekly yard waste collection truck. (The pickup fee is part of our ever-growing real estate tax bill.) Ten consecutive days of sunny temperatures — about 50 degrees higher than Bethel's — were not hard to take.

This was the first time that I was able to use AirTran's non-stop Portland to Orlando flight. It works out very well for people like us because departure from Portland is at 2 p.m. and AirTran makes the trip in less than three hours. So one can leave Bethel at a reasonable hour and get to Portland comfortably for check-in. On the return trip my flight departed on time and arrived nearly 45 minutes early in Portland.

Community Christmas Concert

A standing-room-only audience of about 170 crowded the Bethel Inn Conference Center on Monday, Dec. 10, to hear a wonderful musical program presented by the Mahosuc Community Band. Relying on the principle that what you hear first and last will be best remembered, the program arrangers opened and closed the concert with Leroy Anderson compositions — opening with a Christmas Festival overture and ending with Sleigh Ride. Patricia Boyle-Wight and Kathleen DeVore took turns conducting.

After returning home, hearing Sleigh Ride played so elegantly, I had to dig out my old collection of 45s to see if we had that record still — we found one version but not the one I was looking for. It is nearly 60 years since Anderson composed Sleigh Ride. And remembering listening to Boston radio station WHDH in the late '40s and early '50s it seemed as though Boston's early morning DJ's were giving

Sleigh Ride extra time on the air along with Syncopated Clock. But, why not? Anderson was born in Cambridge and had close connections with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops. So no wonder Boston radio stations gave him special treatment.

The Water Works

Being out of town, meant that I missed all the excitement as the new water system came on line. After a freeze-up on the old water shed, Don Katlin told me that the BWD had to round up a team to provide 24 watches at the hastily picked new catch basin which required a pump to keep the water flowing. He said that keeping up a nighttime warming fire created a "European forest" around the campsite as all dry fallen branches were picked up for firewood.

After the new well came on line, Don had the heart-wrenching (for him) job of closing the valve to the Chapman Brook line. He said that after tending it for 30 years, shutting off the line was almost as bad as having to put down an old family pet. It was October 1890 when Chapman Brook water was jetted out of a hydrant on Main Street as both a grand opening event and celebration for getting public water into Bethel village — so the original source had lasted 117 years — not bad.

Another notable event in the pipe-laying operation to the new well was saying goodbye to what was informally known as "Laban's B & B." The old caving-in shed along the path of the pipeline that stood on Douglass's property but across the road from John Laban's home was given a final bash with the excavator, buried in a hole and cremated. A new hydrant has replaced the old landmark. When the road-side pipe laying had reached the point where it would turn left and head toward the well in Douglass's field, another 1,100 feet of trench had to be dug. Once the pipe was in and the trench covered, BWD needed a new housing for the

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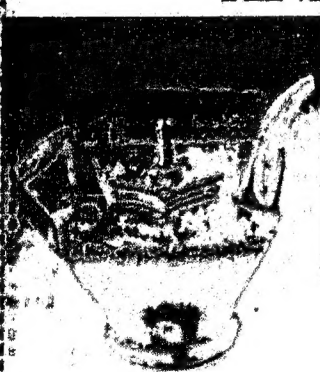
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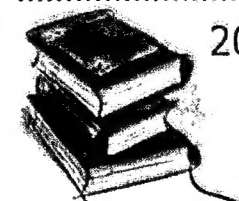
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water treatment and monitoring equipment. Francis Dumont built the new shed; it sits on a foundation built by Henry Hudson. This building sits about 75 feet south of the North Road over the water pipe trench. Electrical installation work to wire up the pump was still going on at this site as of last week.

The next step in construction will be a new access road for BWD people to travel into the well field. This road will lie parallel to the pipeline and between it and the pit's access road. Overall, the physical setup of this new area should make any possible future emergency work much easier to handle than the old Chapman Brook installation.

Global Warming Report

For September, October and November, Bethel's average mean temperature comparisons turned out like this: September and October turned out slightly warmer than last year; November was cooler than 2006.

September 2007's average temperature was 61.23. Compared to 2006, 60.97; for 2005, 63.57 and for 2004, 61.97.

October 2007's average temperature was 53.3. Compared to 2006, 48.81; for 2005, 51.06 and for 2004, 49.71.

November 2007's average temperature was 35.1. Compared to 2006, 41.83; for 2005, 37.83 and for 2004, 37.17.

Comparing this year with the last three previous years through November shows this result: 2007 average daily temperature was 47.4 degrees, coolest of the last four years when compared to 2006 — 50.3; 2005 — 48.6; and 2004 — 48.2.

Tom White's Sculpture Studio Grows

About half of the former Twitchell/Douglass now White barn's main "hall-way" has been remodeled to accommodate a larger work area for sculpting really big figures — but not as big as the Statue of Liberty. The new space is dry-walled, and painted so that it looks more like a modern exhibition space than a workshop. Lighting is all recessed floodlight fixtures that creates a daylight look. The studio's entrance from the outside is through double French doors that have a semi-circular window over them letting in additional light, looks far too nice

to work in. When all this is finished, Tom plans to convert his current workshop into a permanent exhibit area.

Tom's next monument contract is a Vietnam War memorial for a western community. This is the one that originally called for a monument featuring a classic Greek warrior. Plan B now calls for a Vietnam War memorial scene. Props needed for the project include an early model M16 military rifle and the steel helmet worn then — World War II and Korean War period helmet. At this stage Tom has roughed out tabletop-size figures to create a preliminary scene. Watching these projects develop is worth a trip to his studio if one wants to see fine arts in motion.

A few weeks ago I reported on Tom White having completed a small (about 18 inches) statue of The Sower. Last week during my visit with him, I saw that the statue was now back from the foundry — in bronze. The now finished piece seemed ready to join the heritage of earlier sowers. Google lists a thumbnail sketch of sower history as first a parable used by Jesus, later around 1850 a painting by Jean Francois Millet, later still a painting by Vincent van Gogh (who was disappointed with the outcome). Duke University has also memorialized the sower. The Mayville/White sower goes to Simon and Schuster Publishers.

Other News
With our frequent snowfalls, the snowmobile season is about to kick off. Bob Lowell told me, before this last storm, that he is about ready to start running over the Bethel trails to pack down a trail base. Even with all the cold weather, before Sunday's storm there were still muddy sections along the Bethel trail system.

An updated 2007-2008 Bethel online snowmobile guide has been put on the Internet from the Bethel Journals website. This is a free online publication, so anyone offering local snowmobile service is welcome to be listed. Just e-mail me the details or call Bob Lowell at Lowell's Saw Shop, 824-2811.

The Whitney's Maine Line Products store in Locke Mills celebrated another holiday season with an open house last

Saturday. All visitors were treated to snacks and free hot fudge sundaes. Rick passes on a dictum he claimed came from Steve Wight and that is — always eat dessert first to make sure that you will have room for it.

After our snowstorm Sunday, the Most Hyped Storm of the Week (MHSOTW), our driveway had an accumulation of seven inches — making our local December total come to 8+3 1/2 +7 or eighteen and one-half inches. For the record, the Androscoggin River has completely iced over where it passes our house. But I don't think it is solid enough to hold a team of horses. After the snowstorm, our first visitors to the bird feeding station were three gray squirrels and two crows.

Monday's agenda for the Bethel selectmen has two interesting items on it, one of particular interest for Mayville: Item One on the agenda is to authorize a land and trail easement exchange with the Cheney's (Norseman Inn). Such an agreement should bode well for snowmobile and walking trail development. The second item is of general interest and is to discuss and define town participation in the Snowman Project.

If you would like to get holiday family news into the Bethel column please e-mail it to Donald@thebetheljournal.com or donaldbe@roadrunner.com or call 824-2094.

Davises Celebrate 60th
Dec. 1 marked a special milestone for Bob and Polly Davis, who were married in front of the fireplace at the Sudbury Inn on this glorious date 60 years ago. Friends and family visited and called from all around on their anniversary day, a frigid 11 degrees F. Phone calls came in from the Davis's daughter Becky Sue and from their sons Wayne, Keith and Craig. Mac Davis, Frank and Janie Vogt, Alberta Merrill and Rod Harrington, Polly's sister Becky Kendall, Arlene Lowell, Jane Young, Mary Lou and Hi Berry, Grace and Dick Douglass, Judy Barker, Dottie Bartlett, and Meg Cousins stopped by with flowers, cards, gifts and congratulations. There were calls from grandchildren Kallee and Colin Wagner, and Cory Davis, grandson of Santa Fe, N.M., and Gabrielle Isaac-

son of Green River, Wyo., sent e-mail good wishes.

On Dec. 8, Bob and Polly were once again feted with a luncheon featuring Becky Kendall's beef stew. Those in attendance were daughter Becky Sue and her son Colin Wagner, Wayne Davis and Tanya Buschelman, Craig and Margo Davis, Keith Davis and Cindy Mills, Arlene Lowell, Elizabeth Gilbert, Freda and Lonnie Davis, Ryan, Candace and Ben Davis, Todd, Nikki and Emma Davis, Kate and Cody Saunders, Oscar Annis, Scott and Wendy Annis, and David and Val Lynch.

Well after the dishes were cleared and most of the guests had gone home, there was heard quite a clatter outside and mysterious voices joined in a melodic "Deck the Halls" at the front door. The surprise caroling came courtesy of the "Cambridge boys" who have been skiing at Sunday River and visiting the Davises since 1967 when they came to Bethel as young Explorer Scouts. As Polly says, they collectively wore notches in the edges of the dining room table playing countless card games with Bob, and his sons Wayne, Keith and Craig. These sudden visitors included John Mosca and his wife Yvonne, Mike Collins and his wife Bev Freeman, Dan Flaherty and his wife Linda Lynch, Joe DeGuglielmo, all of Massachusetts, Jack Brooks from W. Hartford, Conn. and David O'Meara who flew in from Seattle. Son Wayne had also made a surprise visit from Green River, Wyo., with his friend Tanya.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Sunday's storm reminded us that winter is just beginning, even if, technically, it's still fall for a couple more days. Here at the Hoehstead Mike measured around 13 inches of snow, give or take, and Monday's winds spread it around a bit. Down in the forest, the East Branch is well frozen above the beaver dam in the culvert, and the road is plowed as far as the schoolhouse, for logging trucks to negotiate.

The redpolls have returned in greater numbers, while at the same time, the turkeys have disappeared. We don't know if the snow discourag-



60TH—Bob and Polly Davis celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 1. For more, see the Bethel column, this page.

(Photo: Beverly Freeman)

es them, or if they're in a snit because one day Mike didn't get the cracked corn out early enough for them. We keep hoping they'll return since we bought about 50 pounds of corn just for them.

About half the usual congregation showed up at the Union Church on Sunday, owing to the heavy snowfall. Lynn and Bud Kulik are back in town and living in their "new" house in Bethel, having left their motor home down in the southwest. They were among those who braved the elements.

Last Thursday evening the Pleasant Valley Grange convened for its annual Christmas party — no business that night. Ina Grover and John Applin had decorated the hall and warmed the place up for the gathering that followed. As usual, a delicious potluck dinner and a friendly gift exchange were enjoyed by all who attended.

Last Monday the Chapel Aid ladies had their luncheon at the Union Church, another of the many holiday celebrations and activities taking place this month.

The Rotary Club luncheon for senior citizens took place last Tuesday at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. As is their custom, the Bethel Senior Citizens gave a donation to Rotary for their Christmas for Children project. Not having had enough to eat lol (that's "laugh out loud" in textspeak), Bethel Seniors turned around and had their December luncheon meeting on Wednesday at the Bethel Inn.

This past weekend Lisa Pivin and her mom, Linda Westleigh, journeyed to Portland for a visit to Lisa's daughter Laura. Laura has been a student at USM and is taking one semester off to work and earn tuition money. All three generations attended The Magic of Christmas on Saturday afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed the concert.

An early morning appointment pushed me into the car on Monday for the drive to Norway. I found the roads semi-clear, but kept under the speed limit because of those sudden patches of slipperiness.

On the way back I opted for the back way instead of Route 2, so as to avoid traffic and proceed at my own pace on back roads. It was a much more comfortable drive for me that way, chicken that I am.

I stopped at the alpaca farm on my way home and found Maureen battling the snowdrifts. It looked a little like the South Pole, but she had the situation under control. Puckerbrush Farm Alpacas collected its animals over the weekend, so the resident herd is slightly smaller.

Christmas is less than a week away as you read this, and I am not ready!

What else is new? Somehow or other, though, things will get done, wrapped, baked, mailed, and decorated. While I grumble all the way. Let me know your holiday doings, and Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! 836-3011; dhoeh@megalink.net.

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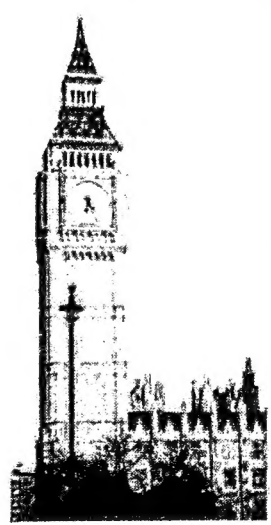
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Gilead



by
Lin Chapman

It is Sunday afternoon and the snow is still falling. There is about eight inches on the porch railing. There was a period during the afternoon that we could hear sleet hitting the windows.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by Saturday and after a trip to Bethel, he was heading home to put the plow back on the truck. He wanted to be sure to get ready for the big storm.

Hugh and I decided that we hadn't heard from Howard and "Stevie" Reiche for a while, so we thought we had better give them a call. They seem to be doing all right. We wanted to tell them that we had seen their son, Ford Reiche, on the news and that there was an article in the newspaper recently about his company, Safe Handling.

Major Stephen McLain sent an e-mail recently that his wife and children have headed for California to spend the holidays with her family.

Hugh and I went to Tim and Michele's on Saturday to celebrate Tim's birthday, which is on Dec. 17. The grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney, were there to help celebrate. On Sunday, the kids went to see Santa Claus with Michele's dad, Leo Croteau, and they came home with some early Christmas presents.

Bob and Gladys Taylor took their granddaughter, Juleigha, to see Santa Claus at Wal-Mart. After that exciting visit, they headed for Fryeburg to visit with Juleigha's aunt Linda Bernaby and children, Taylor, Alexa and Lily. Juleigha had a great afternoon sliding with the girls.

There was a fire on the North Road early Sunday morning at the site of the home that Robert and Kathy Corriveau from the Bog Road were building. The building was destroyed. A big thank you to the fire departments from the neighboring towns of Bethel, Newry and Shelburne, N.H., that responded. Fred Corriveau, who is a next-door neighbor, hap-

pened to get up to put wood in his stove and noticed the fire. Fred and Robert rescued the little horse that was in the barn nearby.

There will be a benefit for Robert and Kathy this Thursday, Dec. 20 (tonight) at the home of Fred and Sue Corriveau from 5 to 8 p.m. Please stop by and offer a little support to them.

Town Office
The first meeting in the "soon-to-be" Town Office was held last Wednesday, Dec. 12, when the selectmen gathered for their monthly meeting. Those present (besides the selectmen, Fernand Corriveau, Steve McLain, and Mark Wigley) were Administrative Assistant Beverley Corriveau, Town Clerk Linsley Chapman, Road Commissioner Fred Corriveau, and Jeremy Morin. Hugh and Fred had worked for a couple of days getting the place ready by installing a temporary gas heater and setting up a table and chairs. Now there will be a place for the selectmen, the Planning Board, the Comprehensive Plan Committee and even the Fire Department to meet for the winter.

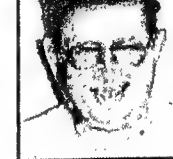
The town clerk has been busy with receiving payments for dog licenses that are due in January. There have been several people who have stopped by to purchase 2008 hunting and fishing licenses for Christmas presents.

Gilead Historical Society
The GHS has once again decorated the Town Hall for Christmas. The large wreath was made by Audrey Brooke and her crew and put up by Hugh Chapman. Audrey does such a beautiful job every year.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

by Clem
Worcester



There was a special Town Meeting at the Hanover Town Office on Dec.

11. Norman Ferguson, Jr. was elected moderator for the sparsely attended meeting. The only other item, Article 2, was to elect a selectperson for

Area Christmas Services

Andover

First Congregational Church—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m. Choir will performing three numbers and there will be lots of congregational singing, including "Silent Night." A reception will follow.

Calvary Bible Church—Dec. 23: Sunday School Christmas Program, 10:45 a.m.

Bethel

West Parish Congregational Church: Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Family Service, 7 p.m. (readings, carols and candlelight).

Bethel Alliance/Nazarene—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m. (joint with Bethel Nazarene) at Bethel Alliance.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.

Our Lady of the Snows—Dec. 24: Christmas Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Newry

Sunday River Christian Ministry—Dec. 24: Interdenominational candlelight service, 7:30 p.m., with Rev. Don Coverdale leading in praise, prayer and peace, and the voice of Cynthia Clark. Service will take place in front of the fireplace on the third floor, Barker Base Lodge, at Sunday River Ski Resort. FMI 207-824-5896.

Waterford

North Waterford Congregational—Dec. 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

West Paris

West Paris Mission Congregational—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.

West Paris Baptist—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

South Paris

Trinity Lutheran—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

a one-year term. Frank Morrison was elected to the position that was created due to a clerical error at the annual Town Meeting.

Reports circulated about a man in a pickup truck spending a lot of time around camps at Howard Pond. Some theorized that he might be a stalker. A check at the Town Office confirmed that the man was an employee of the John O'Donnell Associates who was working on the Hanover reevaluation that will be in effect during 2008.

Francis Scott, formally of Hanover, is reported to be very ill at Rumford Hospital. The Scotts lived at the Ralph Richardson homestead and

Francis was involved with the logging industry. We wish a speedy recovery for our former neighbor.

Alyce Peare is now at Ledgewood Living Center in West Paris.

Joan Tucker continues to recover at her daughter's home in Rumford. She was injured in a fall and is now looking forward to returning home.

Wilbur Sanford of Natick, Mass., is recovering from falls and pain at a rehabilitation center. He and his wife, May, who was originally from Hanover, are both older than 95 years. May is a niece of Gardner Roberts for whom the library was named.

A northeaster snowstorm

moved into the area Sunday. The heavy snows slowed some traffic and closed Sunday services at Rumford Point Church.

Several vehicle mishaps occurred recently. A chip truck trailer overturned spilling its load along Route 2 between Rumford Point and Rumford Center. A second incident brought police to Hanover when a vehicle struck trees near Harold Ferguson's home.

Being welcomed are new residents in the neighborhood. Raymond Durgin is now living in the Hayward home on Main Street. Three of the five homes on Mill Hill Road have new residents. Bryan Kendall is at Lorraine Gallant's former home; Jonathon and Shanta Hoff have the former Ames home and Robert and Joann Moulton are at the house formerly owned by Danielle Smith-Bruce. The Moultons formerly lived on Howard Pond Road in the house now occupied by the Dan Arthur family.

Many wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable Holiday Season.

Andover

by Melinda
Averill



On Saturday Dec. 15, Christine Ladd of East Andover was surprised

with a 90th birthday party at the home of her daughter, Lane and Bob McDonald of South Rumford. Traveling over from Woolwich were her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Helen Ladd; grandchildren, Steve and his wife Lisa Ladd and their children, granddaughter Kathy Lewis and daughter Abby. Attending from Andover: grandson Doug Averill and Kelsey, sister and brother, Natalie Littlehale and Sylvanus Glover; Juliette White and Sandy Delano, Barbara and Orville Meisner. From Turner: Gail and husband Stan Hill. From Rumford: granddaughters Debbie Averill, Chris Barnett and husband Dean, and grandson Tom Averill, great-granddaughter Katie Averill and Ben McLaughlin, Alan and Ruth Ladd from Kents Hill;

Sally and Bob Bryant from Canton, Luther Grover from Norway and Priscilla Gannon from Stoneham.

Please note the following schedule for the holidays for the town office and the transfer station. The town office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Dec. 26. It will also be closed the following Tuesday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day). The dump will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The selectmen's meeting for next week will be on Monday, Dec. 24 at 9 a.m. New Year's week the selectmen's meeting will be on Jan. 2 at 6 p.m.

Nomination papers for Town Selectman and School Board member will be available at the office on Dec. 20.

North Andover resident Ruby Kulpa had an early Christmas present. Last Saturday evening at 9:45, she and her son were all snuggled in for the night when they noticed a car pull in the driveway. It was her daughter, Pat Cox, who surprised her by coming all the way from Denver, Colo. Ruby also has a daughter in Upton and a son in Bethel. On Monday, Ruby and her four children went out to the Bethel Inn. It was an enjoyable week for all.

Happy birthday wishes this week to Madison Irish on Dec. 20 and Cody Smith on Sunday, the 23rd.

Congratulations to the following Andover students for achieving honors the first trimester at Mountain Valley Middle School—sixth grade, Katherine Mills; seventh grade, Joshua Rainey; eighth grade, Izaak Mills.

East Andover

by Joan
Stinson
Carnes



Happy 90th Birthday wishes to East Andover resident Christine Ladd.

She probably doesn't remember, but she taught me how to tell time on a clock.

Freeman Farrington, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Maine, Andover Cabot Lodge, wishes to thank all who made his installation on Dec. 1 the

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impressive event that it was. He really wants to thank the KP brothers and sisters for generously donating to his charity, the Camp Capbella of Maine. This camp helps children with disabilities go to summer camp. If you would like to donate, you can call Freeman to get more information.

The Toy Giveaway last week was a great success. Pam Pace really should be congratulated on her efforts to help Andover residents who need help. She doesn't get paid for her time or more importantly her gas. She has to make a lot of trips to Peru and Lewiston, and we all know the price of gas. She really appreciates all the clothing donations that she has been receiving, but asks that you don't leave clothing in front of the Town Hall. Please call her at 357-0307, and she will come up and get them. She is raffling off a CD player. Chances can be bought on Tuesday at the Town Hall between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All proceeds will go to buy food for the food pantry.

If you would like to donate some food, it would be greatly appreciated. The pantry is running very low on food. You can drop off donations on Tuesday at the Town Hall between 9 and 11 a.m.

We can be very grateful that we live where we live. Last Thursday the commute home that usually takes about an hour, took my son Brian over eight hours. The Andover Highway Department should go down to Massachusetts and

give lessons on how to clean roads during blizzards. Can you really see Marshall doing this?

Town Clerk Elaine Morton tells me that the nomination papers for selectman and school board positions will be available on Thursday, Dec. 20, during regular business hours at the Town Office. I want to wish East Andover resident and present Selectman Laura Hutchins good luck. She is running again, and she certainly has done a good job and has plenty of experience.

The Andover Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday Jan. 1. Wonder why? Just joking!

The Selectmen will hold their weekly meeting on Monday, Dec. 24, at 9 a.m., and the next week the meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 2, starting at 6 p.m.

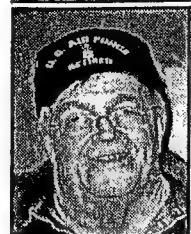
The East Andover Community Club had a great time last Monday at our annual Christmas party. Mystery sisters were revealed and we picked new ones for the following year. That was fun for me. First I picked my mother's name, then I picked my own name, then I picked my sister's. My fourth pick was the lucky one. Sandra Clement and I were the hostesses, and I want to thank Sandra especially for all the work she did to help make the party such a success.

Things have been nice and quiet around here this week, very little screaming and shouting. Nobody has been accosted in the stores or on the

streets. Maybe some people should go on vacation more often, me included.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas. I hope Santa brings you just what you told him to bring you when you made out your list, and a few surprises. See ya.

Greenwood City



by
Wayne
Hakala

Snowy greetings from beautiful downtown Greenwood

City, the home of "the sunny side." It sure has been a week of snow and cold. I'm thinking time to plant peas could come along very soon. But we need to count our blessings as we haven't had the ice storms of the rest of the country and other tragedies happening elsewhere. We are safe and well taken care of.

I had a call from Marie Curtis today. Albert and Marie had the Bragg side of the family to a family Christmas gathering yesterday. There were thirty three in attendance at a grand Thanksgiving meal. Then Santa Claus arrived to make sure all small kids received presents. After that the adults did their present exchange. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Also, Marie wanted me to announce that her parents will be having their sixty-fifth anniversary. There will be an anniversary party at Mr. and Mrs. Bragg's residence in Sumner on Jan. 6, 2008. The festivities will start at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. But I bet if you were to show up early and stay late no one would mind. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg would love to see all their friends and neighbors.

The Hakala's gathered at Tim, Cindy and Krista's for the annual tree. All were present and accounted for. The house was filled with many a story and a lot of laughter. Many a good tasting goodies were consumed. Cindy prepared two big pans of lasagna for the meal. But, two very mischievous puppies managed to reach one pan. They devoured one pan and left the

HAPPY 90TH

On Monday, the afternoon gang at Mallard Mart in Bethel helped Emerson Clough celebrate his 90th birthday. Pictured are (seated): Fumi Head, Wendy Meader and Clough. Middle: Jessie Boyd, Alberta Merrill. Back: Bob Chadbourne, Arlan Jodrey, Rod Harrington and John Head. Clough is a World War II veteran.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)



empty out on the front lawn. Needless to say two Golden Retrievers were banished to the basement. But you know that the young one is named Bodie and has never grown up. But we all had a good time and awaiting a birthday for another gathering.

We need to say a few words for Leah Deegan. Leah is not feeling well at all and needs all the support and prayers that we can muster. So give it a try and join me in a prayer for a dear lady.

We all need to take care and secure our residences and valuables. Last Thursday evening during the snowstorm there were several break-ins in the "A" frame village. Also, there were footprints leading from one residence to another. So please be secure and keep watch for your neighbors too.

Next week at this time we will be putting the finishing touches to all the Christmas plans. One thing that we all need to do is give thanks this Christmas for all the freedoms we enjoy and give thanks to all our troops that are defending our rights. And to all those veterans that can't be out and about, stop in and say hi. Wish them well and say "Thank You."

It takes less muscles to smile than to frown!

Newry



by Sylvia
Harrington

It is still not too late to shop in the Bethel area for the 25th, nor is it too late to recycle for the chil-

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dren's scarves, mittens and hats at the Recycling Center. A new Crepe Cabana is now serving crepes close to Barker Lodge at Sunday River. I'll have more information about the Cabana next week.

The specialty of the week at Bear River TP will either be chili or beef stew. There also are lots of stocking stuffers at the Post. Hunting and fishing gear is now on sale.

Deer tracks are in the snow right up to one side of my deck, where I have lots of myrtle growing during the growing season. They dig right through the snow. They also have to negotiate lots of uneven rocks to get at the vines. I guess if hungry enough it is worth the climb.

Lots of redpolls are making an appearance. Usually the woodpeckers are the first to show up with the chickadees right behind them fairly close to daybreak. There are a few goldfinches as well and an occasional tufted titmouse.

News from the Town Office: The Board of Selectmen meets on the first and third Monday of each month. The Planning Board members meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Their agendas are posted at the Town Office. If you need more information about these meetings, you may call the office at 824-3123. All meetings are open to the public.

The Town of Newry has the Rapid Renewal program. This program through the Maine government allows residents to renew their vehicle registration online. If you would like to participate in this program, please call the Town Office.

Mason



by Richard
Grover

First, I would like to correct an error in my article of last week.

The girl who questioned whether the children should be asking questions of Rev. John Williams was Emily, not Christy Hancorn, as I reported.

Last Tuesday morning I attended a meeting of the Oxford County Commissioners where the annual budget for the unorganized townships (UT) was reviewed. Little changed from last year's budget, but there was an extended discussion about the large increase in fire coverage cost to the county due to Bethel's Scott Cole's request for a large increase in the amount paid to that town for service provided to Mason and Albany townships. Among alternative sources of fire coverage discussed were whether the coverage provided by Bethel could perhaps be provided at lower cost by the towns of Gilead and Stoneham, which are about the same distance away.

Albany's John Kimball also questioned whether contractors who perform road maintenance and snow plowing might be provided fuel tax rebates or perhaps be allowed to purchase fuel at the county's cost for their work on UT roads. He also asked whether the county paid for any portion of the snowmobile trail maintenance work provided by snowmobile clubs.

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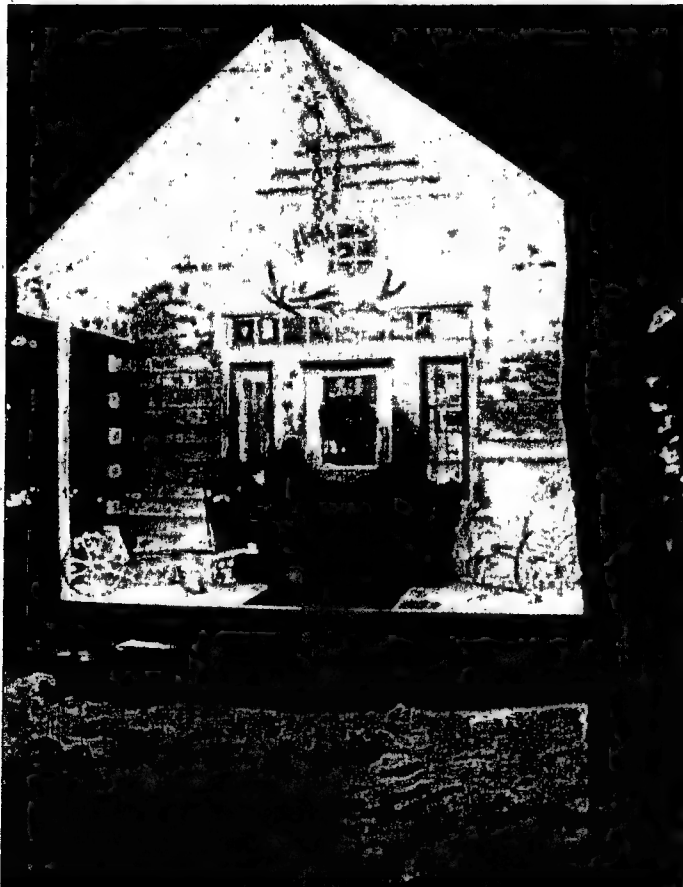
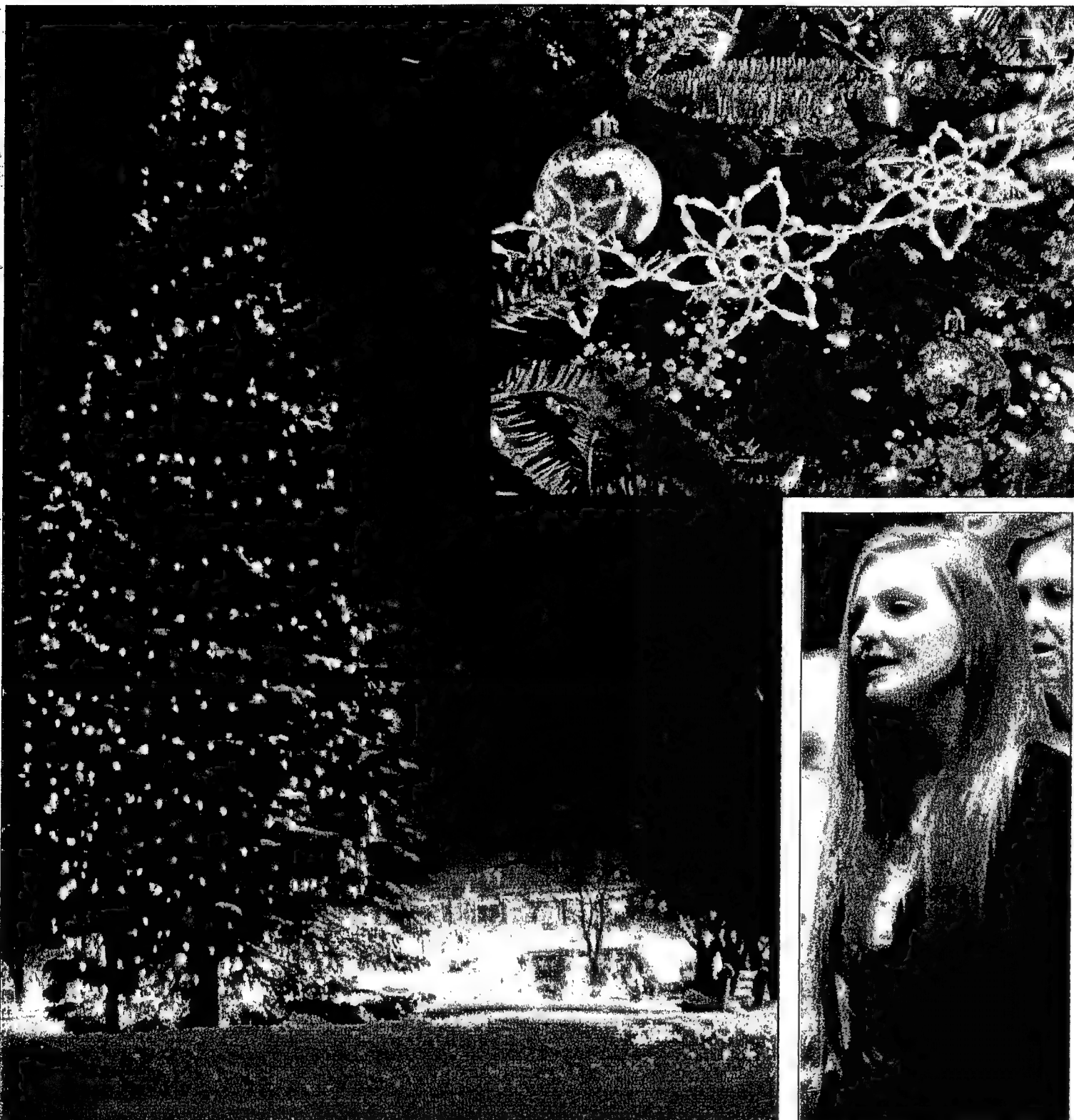
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Clockwise, from top left: the tree on the Bethel common; snowflakes on the Gehring House Christmas tree, crocheted by Irene Anderson; the Gould Ensemble at the Gehring Christmas party; Mat Lauro on Timpani at the Telstar Winter Concert; Bill and Patti Coolidge's 21-foot Christmas tree in their Woodstock log home; the home from the outside. Center: Trista Morin of the THS Chorus. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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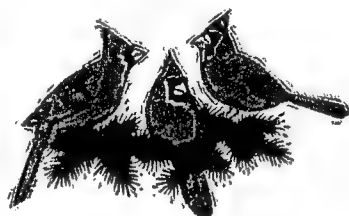
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the UTs. Commissioner Steve Merrill replied that nobody had ever asked the county to do that, but that the county only receives around \$500 per year from snowmobile registrations, so there is not much money available at present.

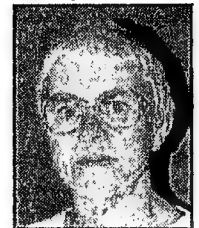
I enjoyed the following comments I received from a retired Air Force buddy who now lives in California:

"Don't people who wear jeans with holes in them know that our mothers would never have let us out of the house with holes in our clothes?"

"Male menopause: What's this with facial hair, pony tails, and Harleys from guys who probably never even had a Schwinn tank bicycle with shock absorbers? Personally, I'll take a Lexus!"

"COSTCO sells a coffin that has an adjustable bed and mattress. I'm certainly glad to hear about that. A too soft bed hurts my back."

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Dec. 10, for a regular meeting, 2nd nomination of officers and a Christmas party. Nine members were present. It was voted to keep the same officers as last year. The table and food sale sold at the November craft fair was reported on. Sally Sawyer, Elsie and Larry Bonney went to Stoneham on Sunday and helped fill boxes and stockings going to veterans serving our country

for Christmas. Calls reported were 23. Mystery package went to Helvi Cary. Reading was by Sally, "Homeward." Exchange of gifts and cards and a tasting party was held. Next meeting is Jan. 14 at Alice Hoyt's.

The Bethel Rotary served a delicious dinner to the area senior citizens on Tuesday. Much thanks to them.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., morning worship service at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. is youth group. Christmas service is at 6 p.m. on Dec. 23rd.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Davis.

Historical Society

At the annual potluck supper and Christmas party, for a research report, Mary Billings brought two poems called "Santa's Cake" and "Cold Feet." Gifts included playing cards, kitchen mitt, writing paper, address book and candles. John Davis joined the society and brought fried chicken for his part of the supper. Other food items ranged from soup to pie. The January meeting will feature the younger Richard Ford sharing old pictures of Woodstock. The museum has many photographic portraits in its collections. It also has biographies of famous people, primarily noted statesmen. We can learn much from the lives of such people. The collection of travel books is also fascinating to thumb through. They have small plates from all over the world. They also have a number of musical instruments,

which are also impressive; most were used in the past by local people. There is also a Paris Manufacturing sled to represent the winter sports in the area.

May you all have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Sunday's weather was so bad that church was called off not only in West Paris but throughout the state.

The skiers are happy and grateful for the deep bed of nice, soft snow. By shoveling every few hours I can keep my back walk fairly clean and usable. Frank Perham does the long drive so keeps the yard clear.

Ledgeview Nursing Home had their winter craft sale last week. I had an enjoyable time helping the residents with it. Many people donated food and crafts making for a good sale.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, the Rev. Richard Beal will lead the service at the West Paris Universalist Church at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is organist. A social coffee hour follows. All are welcome. The Candlelight Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Most must have their Christmas shopping finished for no one seems to have been out this past week. All are busy at home. Maybe everyone will be receiving homemade gifts. They are the best for they contain a lot of love.

On Saturday, my daughter Wendy was due in at Portland airport at 4:20, so I stopped in Gray on the way and had a nice visit and dinner with Dorothy Christie. The plane was one hour and thirty minutes late so I had to wait in the terminal. It was not crowded and all seemed happy and pleasant. The first thing Wendy wanted to do was to get some supper, for neither of us had eaten in the evening. Soup and nice bread were good for a cold evening. We stopped at Target and Border Books to get a few presents. Wendy drove and it was eleven by the time we arrived home.

Muffin welcomed us home and did not mind a stranger appearing again. She is getting over being bashful.

Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. May the blessings of this joyous season be to all of you and yours as the day we celebrate our Lord's birth comes closer.

Christmas, obviously, is a very important day to Christians. It marks the day of Jesus' birth. It has become a day of celebrating that birth, of fellowship and family, of giving and accepting the blessings of the season. It has also become, for many, a day of gift giving and receiving. This year the day of giving and receiving may not be as abundant as in



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other years.

However, Christmas did not start out as merely a day for our local shopkeepers to earn a few extra dollars and our children to get that video game they've been anxious for all year. It is a day acknowledging that we had born to us a Savior, a day of that re-

membrance and to express our thankfulness, a day to acknowledge that we are blessed with family and friends and all else that life has brought our way.

We are looking forward to a day of family; we will have all of our children at home with us and will spend the day eat-

Notice for Woodstock Residents
Woodstock, Maine

Special Town Meeting Warrant - December 27, 2007
To Jeffrey Campbell, a resident of the Town of Woodstock,

Greetings;

In the Name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Woodstock, Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room on Thursday December 27, 2007 at 6:00 PM to vote on the following articles, to wit;

Article 1.

To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

Shall the town vote to appropriate \$30,000.00 from surplus to cover the overdrafts in the 2007 road maintenance accounts.

Article 3.

Shall the town vote to appropriate \$6,173.00 from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account to complete payments for the 2007 Sterling plow truck and gear.

This Special Town Meeting Warrant given unto our hands this 18th day of December 2007.

Bruce Korhonen, A Majority of the Woodstock, Victor A. Young, Board of Selectmen, Ronald Deegan,

A true copy of the warrant, attest, Vern H. Maxfield, Town Clerk

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gifts and thanking God for each and every thing we have. We may not be able to provide a lot, but, everything that will be provided will be with love.

And, though we are very late in our Christmas card sending (thank you to everyone who has sent them to us — we're sorry we are so slack!), we want to make certain that everyone who has sent us a card or wished us a happy holiday knows that we are thinking of you and appreciate all that you have done for us and that you are thinking of us.

The Albany Church always has wonderful Christmas services. All Sunday services start at 9:30 a.m.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep. Merry Christmas!

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

We finally are having a Maine winter, at least for now. The temperatures are a little cold for this early in the year, but not unheard of. I remember one winter, not that many years ago when it seemed to be below zero the whole month of December. It looks like we will definitely have a white Christmas.

During this holiday season, please remember the blood drives. There is one on the 24th in Bridgton. It is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Hall on Harrison Road. With all the accidents and the health problems due to the cold temperatures, it is very important to donate blood.

Also on Monday, the 24th, there is a Christmas Pageant

at Waterford Congregational Church on Plummer Hill. It is a recreation of the nativity through readings and music. It begins at 6 p.m.

On the 25th there is a community Christmas Eve dinner at 11:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church on Main Street in Paris. It is free and takeouts are available. FMI: 674-5185.

On the 31st there are New Year's Eve celebrations: 8 p.m. at the American Legion on Church Street, South Paris. Music by the Ladds. Chemical free. FMI: 743-7965; and in Bethel — New Year's Bethel with a variety of entertainment within the Bethel Village. Chemical free. FMI: 824-2908 or e-mail info@Bethelhistorical.org.

I'm sure there are many more, but that is all I know about today. Just let me know.

Haven't heard of any rescheduled celebrations. I am sure they are happening since all were cancelled last Sunday. Keep your ears and eyes open. Seems like everything was cancelled and that made sense as no one knew how much snow or ice we might get.

On that note, stay warm and have a Very Happy Holiday.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

I have been trying to think of what has been going on since

last I wrote, but with old age creeping in, (I was seventy-five on Dec. 7), I can't remember. I thought I had written

about having been taken out to eat for my birthday but either the news did not get in or it didn't get printed.

Anyway, when I mentioned to Lorene that I couldn't think about what was going on she said all anyone was doing was shoveling, anyhow. Certainly it has been one of the coldest, snowiest Decembers I can remember in recent years and my long-term memory isn't too bad yet.

Sunday evening, the Greenwood Fire Department and Auxiliary held their annual Christmas supper. As usual the food was excellent and the children were given goodie bags full of candy and little surprises.

I was at Debbie Brown's on Monday to keep her company while she did some housework. At least that was the plan, but as the afternoon wore on she began to feel sick and kept getting sicker and sicker. She began to feel some better by evening when she had to attend a Pampered Chef dinner, so she and Owen dropped me off on their way to that but by Tuesday she was back to being a sick puppy so she missed two days of work. When I called Thursday evening she sounded better and she said she had been able to work that day.

There are a lot of people I know who have been really sick with viruses, Lorene's son for one, and her daughter's family has all been sick but her. I do hope that everyone gets better before Christmas. It is not much fun to be sick over the holidays.

I intended to get a letter to the editor in response to the letter Alan Hamilton wrote saying how great the solution was that Greenwood got its fire truck without spending all that money but as usu-

al there is the other side of the coin. The taxpayers may have saved \$75,000 by not buying the first truck but they lost \$125,000 worth of equipment that came with it, including the Jaws of Life, which does not come cheap. So, whether it was a good thing remains to be seen.

Furthermore, the town does not own the truck the Fire Association bought, they do. Plans are to lease the truck to the town for at least five years. By that time the resentment caused by putting the Fire Department on the spot to do their own money raising to fulfill an obligation made to mutual aid, may have subsided and other arrangements may be able to be made.

The fact remains that the Fire Department, made up of mostly volunteers should not have to be obligated to add fundraising to its already full schedule of training, maintaining a station and the equipment, to say nothing of fighting fires. Are people going to ask those in the town office to start fundraising to supply their next computers?

We are lucky to have people who do work so well together and have the commitment to the Fire Department, as witness to the troubles Tri-Town Rescue are having. When I got through as a dispatcher there I was asked to join the Auxiliary, but a couple meetings convinced me it was no place I wanted to be as I witnessed the in-fighting there.

An auxiliary, by its very nature, should be willing to leave the decisions that do not involve their own group to the ones whom they should be serving, by aiding them wherever they can. Until the Auxiliary is willing to leave the decisions up to the Rescue Unit there will always be trouble. I hope they can resolve their differences because I, person-

ally, do not think it is a good idea to put all one's eggs in one basket. It gives too much power to one organization. Tri-Town always did have a fierce loyalty to serve the towns they are committed to. One will not get that kind of service from PACE, no matter how good they are. Something to think about, before everything gets handed over to them.

From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

A wide variety of entertainment will be featured at the 10th annual New Year's Bethel on Dec. 31. Among the new performers this year will be Judy Lee, who will be presenting a Broadway-style cabaret show. A professional performing artist for over twenty years, Judy Lee will be doing a show that is fast-paced, interactive, fun-filled and designed for the entire family.

Other performers during the evening will include Clyde Folsom, Maine humorist and storyteller, Ti' Acadie, contra dancing; Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin, local singing duo; Maine Kanteles, Finnish lap-harp music group; State Street Traditional Jazz Band, a New Year's Bethel favorite. There will also be a children's dragon parade, marshmallow roasting, horse and wagon rides, refreshments, and a community bell ringing to officially ring in 2008 at the Bethel Town Clock at the stroke of midnight.

Advance tickets are available at reduced prices (\$10 for adults and \$8 for children—ages 6-18—5 and under free) at the Bethel Citizen, Maine Line Products (Greenwood), Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Museum Shop at the

Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House. At the door, tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. Sponsors are still being sought for the events. Contributions are tax deductible and all sponsors will be listed prominently at each venue. Anyone wishing to become a sponsor should send a check to the Bethel Historical Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012. Further information may be obtained by calling the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Once again fireplaces at the Dr. Moses Mason House at 14 Broad Street were lit with crackling fires, candles flickered on the window sills, mantel pieces were decorated as they might have been in the early 19th century with boughs, berries and fruit, and smells of spices wafted fragrantly throughout the historic rooms. The gentle tones of music boxes were heard bringing pleasant melodies of Christmas past to all ears able to listen. Hot mull cider was served by Grace McKivergan from the hearth of the winter kitchen and special holiday treats were offered in the dining room with its 1805 banjo clock ticking out the moments of this special time offered each year by the Bethel Historical Society from 6 to 8 p.m. Nearly fifty persons, ages ten to nearly ninety from as far away as Pennsylvania and Illinois, attended this year's event.

Hosting the event were Lorraine Hoeh in the parlor knitting, and Allan Marcotte in the dining room, fielding questions about the house and its history. Special holiday refreshments were provided by Bessie Bennett, Amy Davis, Allan Marcotte, Mary Keniston and Stan Howe. Decorators this year were Lorraine Hoeh, Susan Herlihy and Grace McKivergan.

From Sunday River Christian Ministry

Greetings for the '07-'08 winter season. We'd like to reintroduce ourselves as a resource that can help serve

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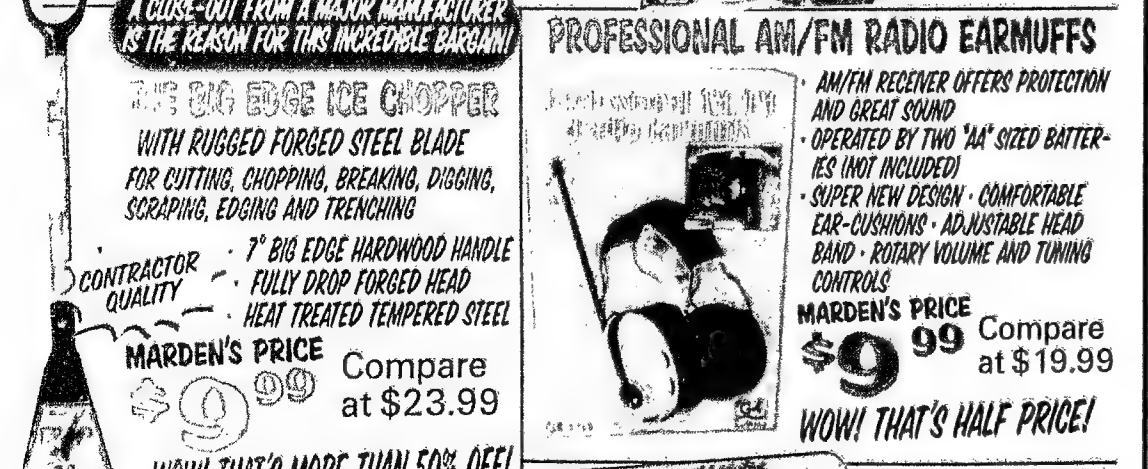
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Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. — The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists are invited to join. The public is welcome to come in and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

7 p.m. (second Tuesday each month) — Open mike original poetry reading at Mouse and Bean, 63 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: 824-2366. Come read or just have coffee and take in the scene.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. — Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. — People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group, a different kind of addiction recovery group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change and will start in the Bethel area on Wednesday evenings FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Thursday, Dec. 20
5 to 8 p.m. — Benefit for Robert and Kathy Corriveau will be held at the home of Fred and Sue Corriveau in Gilead. Their new home, under construction on the North Road in Gilead, was destroyed by fire. Please stop by and offer a little support to them.

7 p.m. — Art Moves Even the Grinch at Oxford Hills High School in South Paris. Informal Studio Show of variant dance styles, with guest performers. Tickets: \$5 at Books 'n Things in Norway, \$7 at door. Doors open at 6:30. Snow date: Friday, Dec. 21. FMI: 743-5569.

Friday, Dec. 21
7:30 p.m. — "A Very Merry Improv Christmas II," a holiday show for adults at Schoolhouse Arts Center, Route 114, Sebago Lake. Not a traditional Christmas show. Tickets: \$8 each. FMI or to reserve tickets: 642-3742 (tickets also at door). Website: www.schoolhousearts.org.

Saturday, Dec. 22
2 to 4 p.m. — Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides with Deepwood Farm along streets of historic Bethel village. Meet on or near the common at the wagon ride sign. Sponsored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. FMI: call 824-2282 or e-mail info@bethelmaine.com.

Sunday, Dec. 23
2 p.m. — Christmas Caroling and Potluck Supper at North Waterford Congregational Church. Carolers will visit shut-ins and others in the North Waterford and Stoneham area. Potluck supper will take place at 5 p.m. More Christmas carols and visit from Santa follows supper.

5 p.m. — The Living Nativity at Bethel Common. A community event with live animals, singing of Christmas carols and great performances by the local people. Anyone in the community is welcome to be a part of this event. Contact Drew Webster at 824-2715 if interested in participating. Live animals needed also.

7 p.m. — Annual Christmas Cantata at Locke Mills Union Church, by a mixed choir of area churches, directed by Bev Melville. Refreshments following. (Originally scheduled for Dec. 16 but cancelled due to predicted snowstorm.)

Monday, Dec. 24
7 p.m. — Christmas Eve Family Service at West Parish Congregational Church, UCC, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Readings, carols and candlelight.

Thursday, Dec. 27
2 to 4 p.m. — Norway Memorial Library Children's Department will celebrate the books of author/illustrator Jan Brett in the program "Jan Brett's Winter Wonderland" Students in grades K-3 are invited to come listen three Brett favorites. Students will also make related crafts, including Inuit-style soap carvings, animal masks, and gingerbread houses. Pre-registration required (743-5308 by Dec. 26). FMI: visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

7 and 7:45 p.m. — Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series presents: PoiStar Fire Dance Productions at White Cap Base Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort. Two performances. Tickets: free, outside performance. FMI: 824-3000.



NEW AT NEW YEAR'S BETHEL

Among new performers at the 10th annual New Year's Bethel celebration Dec. 31 will be Judy Lee, who will present a Broadway-style cabaret show. A professional performing artist for more than 20 years, Judy Lee will do a fast-paced, interactive show designed for the entire family.

Friday, Dec. 28

6:30 p.m. — Norway Open Mic Night will say "good-bye" to 2007 at the First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up for performers begins 6:30 p.m. and the open mic begins around 7 p.m. Admission is \$3 and refreshments are available. FMI: call Heather at 935-4505 or e-mail vessel@prexar.com.

Saturday, Dec. 29

7 p.m. — Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series presents: Mad Science — Spectacular Kids Show Exploring the Zany Side of Science — at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: students \$4 advance/\$6, adults \$6 advance/\$8. For tickets and more information: 824-3000.

Monday, Dec. 31

10th annual "New Year's Bethel" Celebration. Affordable, chemical-free

festival featuring variety of entertainment at selected sites within historic Bethel Hill village. FMI: call 824-2908 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

7:30 and 10:30 p.m. — At Oddfellow Theater, Route 117, Buckfield: Dickie Hyper-Hynie's Rockin' New Year's Eve. Tickets: \$15 all seats available at box office (336-3306).

Sunday, Jan. 6

Community Ski Day for SAD 44 at Sunday River Ski Resort. FMI: visit the Sunday River website.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/luncheon at The Sudbury Inn. Dues (\$3 a year) are payable at this meeting and new members are always welcome. Dinner will be \$7.50 and reservations are required by calling either Nancy at 824-3350 or Arlene at 824-2877 before Jan. 7.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held. Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 869-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELING

Alcohol and drug counseling. Saturdays at Bethel Counseling Center, 16 Parkway (Professional Building). Tom Kelly, LADC, 357-7354

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Darcy Lund at 739-2888.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Thursday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel. 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday, 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday & Friday 1-5pm; Saturday, 9-1pm. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5pm; Thursday 1:30-7pm.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm; Friday 1:30-5pm. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12.

Upton Library: Saturdays 9-11am

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30am. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10am. followed by coffee fellowship. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30am; Morning worship 10:45am; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30pm. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Belling. Sundays: Sunday School for adults and children at 9am; Morning worship service at 10am; Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade) at 5:30pm; Prayer fellowship Wednesdays at 7pm; Sundays: Youth Group (6th-12th grade) at 5:30pm. For more information call 824-2283

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0530.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levesque. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 866-5553 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am, all ages; Morning Worship 10am. Junior church and nursery available. Mens bible study Monday at 6pm; Ladies bible study Tuesday 2:30pm; prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana Youth Program Wednesdays: 3:30pm Cubbies (age 3-4); 3:30pm Sparks (K-2nd grade); 8:15pm Truth & Training (grade 3-6) FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion services the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8839.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 633-4666-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m., Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 988-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Rev. Frank Haines. Sunday morning service will begin at 9am. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5861.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, etc. held in mountainous settings, riverside, or your choice by Reverend Don Coverdale. Cell phone: 781-710-1000. Interdenominational church services will be held in the Upper Room of the River House, South Ridge area, on Sunday, December 23 at 10:30am and every Sunday thereafter until March 30. Watch here for details or call 824-5896 (machine). Peace be with you!

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd. Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastor Henry Male. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and fellowship immediately after. Sunday School at 9 a.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singing/sermon third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 866-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services at 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill, 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship Study at 9:15am.

lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3636 or see our website at <http://www.ferministry.com.usmeagoodpaag/>

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Pastor Frank Haines

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6 10:23am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m. Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month. Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time 11:00am-11:30am. Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Lawrence Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Kid's hour 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting & bible study 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-737-9678). Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahosene Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8663 FMI.

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 2007

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil	News	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	South Park		
(32) Cat in Hat	Lorax	Movie: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"								
(6) 207	Inside	Clash of the Choirs	Name Earl	30 Rock	The Office	News				
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Duel	Grey's Anatomy	Private Practice	News					
(10) News-Lehrer	Maine Exp	Made In	Miss Marple	Austin City Limits	Charlie Rose					
(22) College Basketball: Duke vs. Pittsburgh			College Football: Polioetia Bowl - Navy vs. Utah							
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA IMPACT!		MANswers	MANswers					
(13) Entertain	The Insider	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	News					
(41) Sports	Tailgate	Fantasy Fix	Foot Now	Best Damn 50	Sports	Sports	Best Damn 50			
(15) Movie: "Prime" Cont'd	Movie: "Die Hard"			Legend	Wire	Real Sex				
(17) Montana	Suite Life	Movie: "Go Figure"		So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life	Montana			
(18) Movie: "Kuffs" Cont'd		Borat: Cultural Learnings of America	Movie: "Little Children"							
(20) NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins			Bruins	SportsDesk	The Globe	SportsDesk	Biscuit			
(44) Still Snd	Still Snd	Reba	Reba	Movie: "The Christmas Shoes"	Will-Grace	Will-Grace				
(5) Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Monster-in-Law"	Sex & City	Sex & City				
(24) iCarly	Drake	SpongeBob	Full House	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	
(25) Movie: "Firefox" Cont'd	Movie: "Blazing Saddles"			Mad Men	Animal House					
(26) Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	House						
(27) CSI: Miami	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	Paranormal	Paranormal					
(12) Funniest Home Videos	Movie: "At First Sight"			WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs				
(39) Lou Dobbs Tonight	Out in the Open	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360							

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 2007

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil	News	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	South Park		
(32) Without Santa		Movie: "Mary Poppins"								
(6) 207	Inside	Singing Bee	Singing Bee	Dateline NBC	News					
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Duel		Women's Murder Club	20/20	News				
(10) News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Maine	Bill Moyers Journal	NOW	Expose	Religion	Washingtn			
(22) NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics			NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks							
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	UFC Unleashed	UFC: The Final Chapter							
(13) Entertain	The Insider	Home for the Holidays	Moonlight	NUMB3RS	News	Patriot				
(41) NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics			Celtics	Sports	Sports	Tailgate	Football			
(15) Inside the NFL	Movie: "Blood Diamond"									
(17) Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Confessions of Drama Queen	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana			
(18) Movie: "Beerfest" Cont'd	Movie: "The Break-Up"			Movie: "Blue Streak"						
(20) College Basketball: Davidson at N.C. St.			Royal Rooters	SportsDesk	Weekly	SportsDesk	Outdoors			
(44) Still Snd	Still Snd	Reba	Reba	Movie: "Under the Mistletoe"	Will-Grace	Will-Grace				
(5) Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Movie: "Diary of a Mad Black Woman"						
(24) SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Barnyard	Tak, Power	Full House	Lopez	Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	
(25) "Blazing Saddles" Cont'd	Movie: "Open Range"									
(26) Law & Order: SVU	Movie: "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"									
(27) CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami					
(12) Funniest Home Videos	Movie: "That Dam Cat"									
(39) Lou Dobbs Tonight	Out in the Open	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360							

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 22, 2007

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "At First Sight"			Patriots	Unscene	Comics Un.	Comics Un.		
(32) "Mary Poppins" Cont'd	Movie: "The Incredibles"									
(6) Maine	207	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	News	Sat. Night					
(8) Fortune	Patriots	"Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events"	Women's Murder Club	News	CSI: Miami					
(10) Fields	Wait God	Neighbors	My Family	Movie: "Meet John Doe"	Red Green	Python				
(22) College Football	College Football: Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl - BYU vs. UCLA									
(34) "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" Cont'd	Movie: "Kill Bill: Vol. 2"									
(13) Entertainment Tonight	Movie: "El"									
(41) Beyond the Glory	Fight League	Poker Superstars II	Final Score	Women's College Basketball						
(15) How to Eat Fried Worms	Movie: "Unaccompanied Minors"	Movie: "Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi"								
(17) Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Movie: "Beethoven's 4th"	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana			
(18) King Kong	Movie: "Miami Vice"									
(20) College Basketball: Quinnipiac at Vermont	The Buzz	Biscuit	SportsDesk	The Buzz	SportsDesk	Biscuit				
(44) Movie: "Home by Christmas"	Movie: "The Family Holiday"									
(5) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	National Lamp. Christmas	Movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"	Jingle						
(24) Drake	Drake	iCarly	Just Jordan	School	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	
(25) "Waterworld" Cont'd	Movie: "Mission: Impossible"									
(26) Bringing Down the House	Movie: "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"									
(27) American Justice	Movie: "Erin Brockovich"									
(12) Funniest	Funniest	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Chicago Bulls	WGN News	Reno 911!					
(39) This Week at War	Special Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Special Investigations						

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 23, 2007

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Patriots 5th Quarter	CSI: Miami	70s Show	70s Show	Frasier	Frasier	Without a Trace				
(32) Movie: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"										
(6) Football Night in America	NFL Football: Washington Redskins at Minnesota Vikings									
(8) Christmas Countdown	Duel	Movie: "The Santa Clause 2"		News	Cold Case					
(10) All Creatures	Nature	Masterpiece Theatre		Charlie Rose						
(22) SportsCenter	College Football: Sheraton Hawaii Bowl - Boise State vs. East Carolina									
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Movie: "Edison Force"							
(13) 60 Minutes	The Amazing Race 12	In God's Name		News	American					
(41) NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Boston Celtics	Celtics	Celtics Now	Final Score	Final Score	Mind, Body	Mind, Body				
(15) "16 Blocks" Cont'd	Movie: "X-Men: The Last Stand"									
(17) Montana	Suite Life	Movie: "The Polar Express"		So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life	Montana			
(18) "American Beauty"	Movie: "The Good Shepherd"									
(20) Basketball	College Basketball: Cincinnati at North Carolina State			Outdoors	Outdoors	Red Sox	SportsDesk			
(44) Movie: "Home for the Holidays"	Movie: "A Very Married Christmas"									
(5) "Rush Hour 2" Cont'd	Movie: "Ocean's Eleven"									
(24) Just Jordan	iCarly	Zoey 101	Unfabulous	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	
(25) "The In-Laws" Cont'd	Movie: "Miss Congeniality"									
(26) Movie: "Liar Liar" Cont'd	Movie: "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"									
(27) Investigative Reports	The First 48	The First 48		Paul McCartney: Live	The First 48					
(12) Funniest	Funniest	American Idol Rewind	Santa Salutes the Stars	WGN News	Replay	Scrubs	Comer Gas			
(39) Newsroom	Special Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Special Investigations						

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 24, 2007

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil	News	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	South Park		
(32) Movie: "The Polar Express" Cont'd										
(6) 207	Brickman	Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"								
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grinch Stole Christmas	Movie: "Madagascar"							
(10) News-Lehrer	Homecoming	Christmas-Mor	Christmas at Belmont	Charlie Rose						
(22) Countdown	NFL Football: Denver Broncos at San Diego Chargers									
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn					
(13) Entertain	The Insider	How I Met	Big Bang	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miami	News			
(41) Sports	Net Impact	Best Damn 50	Top 50 Plays of 2007	Sports	Sports	Top 50 Plays of 2007				
(15) "All I Want for Christmas"	Movie: "The Nativity Story"									
(17) "The Santa Clause"	Movie: "The Santa Clause 2"									
(18) "Jet Li's Fearless" Cont'd	Movie: "Cheaper by the Dozen 2"									
(20) Moore	Moore	Moore	Moore	Hot Stove	Hot Stove	SportsDesk	The Buzz	SportsDesk	Outdoors	
(44) Still Snd	Still Snd	Reba	Reba	Movie: "Deck the Halls"						
(5) Raymond	Raymond	Movie: "A Christmas Story"								
(24) Zoey 101	School	Barnyard	Full House	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	
(25) Santa Claus: The Movie	Movie: "A Christmas Carol"									
(26) Movie: "The Scorpion King"										
(27) CSI: Miami	Movie: "Forrest Gump"									
(12) Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Bozo, Gar & Ray						
(39) Lou Dobbs Tonight	Out in the Open	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360							

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 2007

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil	News	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	South Park		
(32) Movie: "The Incredibles" Cont'd										
(6) 6 Who Care	Deal or No Deal									
(8) NBA Basketball	Movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"									
(10) News-Lehrer	Navy Band Happy Holidays Concert	Christmas	Independent Lens							
(22) SportsCtr.	NBA Basketball: Seattle Sonics at Portland Trail Blazers									
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: NY					
(13) Entertain	The Insider	NCIS	The Unit	48 Hours Mystery	News					
(41) Sports	Celtics Now	Sport Science	It's All Good	Sports	Sports	FullTiltNet Championship				
(15) Walk Line	Extras	Movie: "The Devil Wears Prada"								
(17) Montana	Suite Life	"Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas"	So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life	Montana			
(18) Movie: "The Family Stone" Cont'd	Movie: "Epic Movie"									
(20) Nation Reward	Mother's Day Miracle									
(44) Movie: "Holiday Switch"										
(5) "A Christmas Story"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Office	The Office	Sex & City	Sex & City		
(24) Drake	Drake	iCarly	Full House	Home Imp.	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	
(25) "High Plains Drifter"	Movie: "Rio Bravo"									
(26) Movie: "El"										
(27) CSI: Miami	Movie: "Forrest Gump"									
(12) Funniest Home Videos	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs			
(39) Lou Dobbs Tonight	Out in the Open	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360							

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 2007

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil		News	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	South Park
(32)	Grounded	Grounded	Movie: "Sky High"				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club	
6	207	Inside	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Pushing Daisies		Private Practice		Dirty Sexy Money		News	
10	News-Lehrer		Wired Science		American Masters			Remember	Charlie Rose	
(22)	Breakdown	College Football: Motor City Bowl - Central Michigan vs. Purdue							SportsCenter	
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC 79 Countdown	
13	Entertain	The Insider	Criminal Minds		30th Annual Kennedy Center Honors				News	
(41)	Sports	Celtics Now	Sport Science		Sports	Celtics Pre	NBA Basketball	Celtics at Kings		
(15)	Timberlake	The Wire	Michigan vs. Ohio State		REAL Sports		Inside the NFL		Boxing's Best of 2007	
(17)	Montana	Suite Life	Movie: "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"				Life Derek	Suite Life	Montana	
(18)	Pet Sem	Movie: "The Matrix Reloaded"					Movie "The Good Shepherd"			
(20)	Faith Rewarded		Red Sox Classics				SportsDesk, The Globe		SportsDesk	Outdoors
(44)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	Movie "Living With the Enemy"				Will-Grace	Will-Grace
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	Commercials		Payne	Payne	Sex & City	Sex & City
(24)	Zoey 101	School	Drake	Full House	Home Imp	Home Imp	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
(25)	"Heartbreak Ridge"		Movie: "The Dirty Dozen"						Movie "The Great Raid"	
(26)	Law Order: CI		Movie: "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"						Law Order: CI	
(27)	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		The Sopranos			The First 48
(12)	Funniest Home Videos		Comet Gas	Comet Gas	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		Scrubs	Scrubs
(39)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360			

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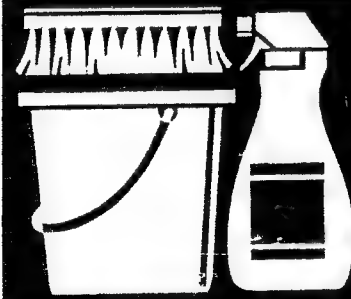
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Senior College

Western Mountains Senior College was well represented by members who entertained at the first Community Holiday Celebration at the Lewin Center's Gehring House on Sunday. In the spirit of Christmas, "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas was read by Joe and Lynn Arizzi, Sharon Lyon, Jackie Cressy, Tineke Ouwinga, Ross and Carole Timberlake, Karen Paul, Rosabelle Tift, and Roberta Taylor.

To the delight of young and old alike, one of the popular Senior Players plays from their fall performance, "A Young Man's Fancy" was presented in mime. Players included Carole Timberlake,

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 53, Mt. Abram 42; Dec. 14—Telstar scorers: Vaughn 17; Whitney 14; Kimball 6; Hannigan 4; Walker 4; Gundersen 1; Broomhall 1. Vaughn had a three-pointer.

Gould 78, Pine Tree Academy 39; Dec. 12—Freshman Jeff Fortunato led the Gould attack with 20 points. Junior Joe Johnson added 15 points with 16 rebounds. Notable contributions and well balanced scoring came from Phil Johnston with nine points, George Murphy with eight points and Ry Russell with seven.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 36, Mt. Abram 31; Dec. 14—Telstar scorers: Joel Putnam 12; Elek Pew 7; Ryan Philbrick 6; T.J. O'Connor 5. Alex Gundersen had nine rebounds. "A balanced offensive attack and good solid defense," said coach David Berry.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 60, Mt. Abram 27; Dec. 13—The Lady Rebels

Karen Paul and Sharon Lyon with Roberta Taylor as the reader and Lynn Arizzi on the keyboard.

Lynn Arizzi also continued on the keyboard as the audience joined in a number

of Christmas carols.

Winterim Courses

Senior College programs are expanding into January and February this year, giving members more opportunities to fight "cabin fever."

Sports

earned their first win of the season knocking off defending state champion Mt. Abram. A solid team effort was led by Bailey Davis who tallied 28 points and snagged six steals. Josie Reiss added 16 points and five steals along with numerous assists. Abby Hutchins, Vicki Rice, Brianna Douglass, and Kayla Merrill each contributed with four points. Douglass also grabbed 10 rebounds. Solid team defense was played by all. —coach Kelly Dole

Gould 42, Pine Tree Academy 15; Dec. 12—Senior Shannon Littlefield led the Lady Huskies with 12 points while junior Kate Roberti had eight. Michaela Cummings and Katie Smith both added seven points each. The Lady Huskies improved their record to 3-0.

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 57, Telstar 40; Dec. 17—Telstar lost a game that was close for more than two quarters. The Dirigo press proved to be too much for the Rebels late in the third quarter. Corey Howard led the scoring with 19 points, while Danny Whitney netted 13. —coach Tim O'Connor

Watch for a mailing, which will include a listing of these courses as well as programs open to the public without charge.

Registration for Winterim courses can only be done by

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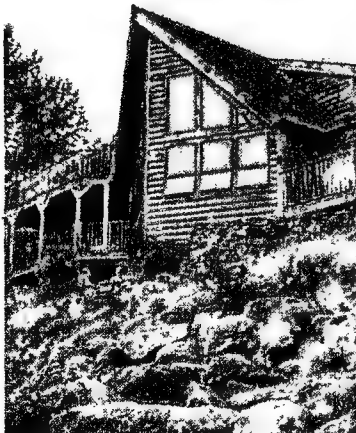
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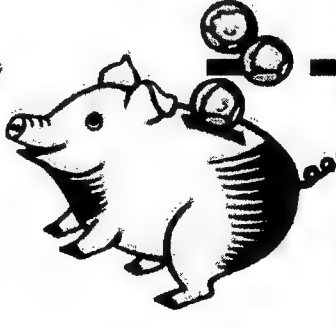
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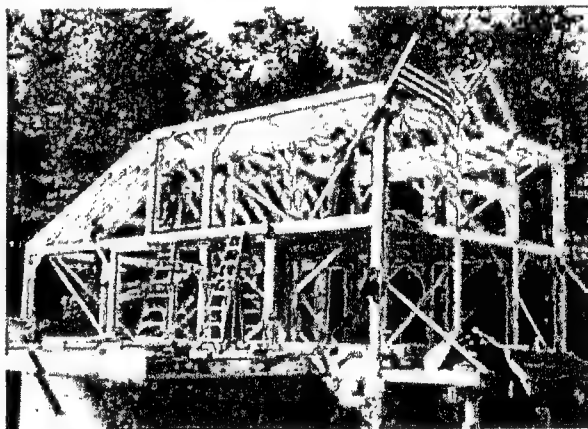
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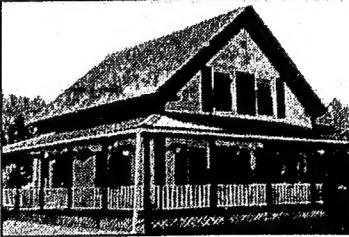


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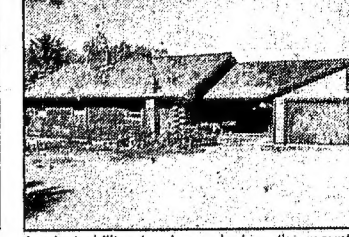
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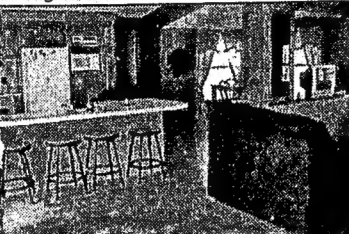
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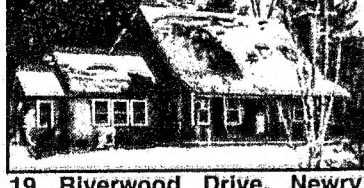
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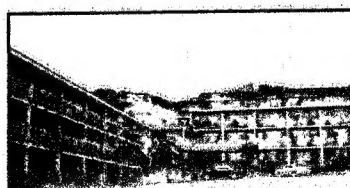
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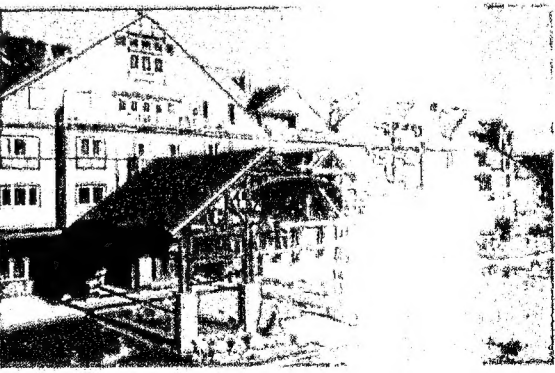
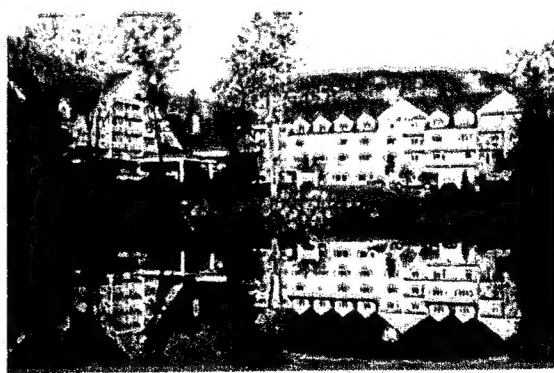


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Obituaries



DIANE C. D. KELLOGG
Diana Carrol Douglass Kellogg, 62, died suddenly on Dec. 13, 2007.

Known as Deedee, she was born on May 12, 1945, in Boston, Mass. She and her husband, Benjamin Kellogg, lived in Bethel, where they raised two sons, Todd and Bryan. She grew up in Bethel, the daughter of Barbara and Dana C. Douglass Jr. and she attended the local schools including Gould Academy.

She ran Stepping Stones Nursery School for many years in her home, enjoying the presence and teaching of preschool age children. She worked for Sunday River Skiway in the reservations department thereafter for many years, becoming the backbone of the condominiums and RCI reservations system at American Ski Co., Newry.

She was a devoted employee who was loved and enjoyed by many owners and those with whom she worked. She

was an active member of the Bethel community, volunteering for many years for Red Cross drives. She taught Sunday school at the West Parish Congregational Church for several years when her children were young. Family and friends were her first love. Her incredibly positive outlook and acceptance and friendliness will forever be missed.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Benjamin Kellogg; two sons, Todd Kellogg of Florida, and Bryan Kellogg and his wife Heather of Bryant Pond; grandchildren, Ella Grace and Grady; her mother, Barbara A. Douglass of Bethel; sisters, Cheryl Douglass of Woburn, Mass., and Barbara D. Weeks and her husband Peter Weeks of Dunbarton, N.H.; brother-in-law, Mark Hutchins of Salisbury, N.H.; three nieces, Brooke W. Rapp, Andrea H. Sickinger and Karen K. Hutchins; a nephew, Porter Weeks; a grandnephew, Dylan; and grandniece, Lauren. She was predeceased by her father, Dana C. Douglass Jr.; and her sister, Pamela D. Hutchins.

Funeral services will be held at the West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel, on Monday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m. with a gathering following in the church vestry. Graveside services will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her memory to the Bethel Ambulance Service, or the West Parish Congregational Church.



JOAN 'JO' EVERETT
Joan "Jo" Everett, 77, died unexpectedly Sunday night in her home in Hanover.

She was born at home in Auburn, on Aug. 11, 1930, to Hazel and Albert Rawstron. Jo was a 1949 graduate of Edward Little High School in Auburn.

Jo was above all else a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and homemaker for over 50 years. She married Charles R. Everett also of Auburn, in 1951. They moved to the Rumford area in 1952 when he accepted an accounting position at the paper mill, where she also worked for a period of time. She designed the home that they built in Hanover and lived there the rest of her life.

She was an active member of the Rumford Point Congregational Church, UCC. Working behind the scenes, Jo's devotion to the health and success of the church was obvious to all. She was the financial secretary and served in several capacities including participation on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Church Council, Ladies Aid, and the Nominating Committee.

She had been active in the

town of Hanover serving as a ballot clerk and rarely missed a town meeting. Jo volunteered at the town library throughout the years and was instrumental in its preservation and in the recent move to its new location. She demonstrated a great love for animals and actively supported the local animal adoption agency with regular donations of food and funds. She recently became known as the town cat and dog sitter.

Jo never missed a family function and came to touch lives spanning multiple generations. She was forever an optimist and her involvement always brought positive energy to those around her. Staying in close touch with family and friends was important to her. She was the perfect hostess and was the happiest when she could help serve those close to her.

During her school days at Edward Little, she was involved in the music and marching band programs as a drummer and played drums for the Portland Junior Symphony Orchestra. She later worked hard to keep her graduating class connected throughout nearly 60 years of successful reunions.

Jo is survived by her four children: Peter of Rumford, Susan of Rumford, Katherine of Mexico, and David and his wife Jennifer of Dover, N.H. She is also survived by two sisters: Virginia Wilding of Sabbatus and Priscilla Rawstron of Auburn. She was predeceased by her newborn son, Michael; her brother, Victor; and by her husband of 50 years, Charles.

Funeral services will be held 12 Noon Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Rumford Point Congregational Church with the Rev. Frank Haines officiating. Interment in the spring will be in the Pine Street Cemetery in Auburn. Those who desire may contribute to the Rumford Point Congregational Church Box 65, Hanover, ME 04237 or to McKennas Adoption Agency, 88 Hall Hill Road, Rumford, ME 04276 in her memory. Online condolences and shared memories may be expressed at meaderfh@gwi.net.



RONALD 'RON' SNYDER
Ronald "Ron" Snyder, 72, of West Bethel, died unexpectedly at his residence on Dec. 17, 2007.

He was born in Hartford, Conn., on Nov. 23, 1935 son of the late Thomas and Margaret (Carling) Snyder moving to the Bethel area in 1948 and graduated from Gould Academy in 1954.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1955 and served until 1957. He married Gloria Sweatt on Sept. 20, 1958.

Ron had worked as a woodsman most of his life, working for Arthur Head from 1958-1981 at which time he started his own business as a logging sub-contractor with P.H. Chadbourne and Company. He retired in 2000 and was enjoying his retirement doing all the things he enjoyed like hunting, antler hunting, hiking, trapping and showing his knowledge of the outdoors to his grandkids and everyone that came across his path.

Ron was a member of the Bethel Historical Society, West Bethel Union Church and served on the Riverside Cemetery Association. In 2000, he was honored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce with the Forest Products Industry Award for his excellent professional standards.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Gloria of West Bethel; daughters, Robin Snyder of Laconia, N.H., Darlene Lailer and her husband John of West Baldwin, Susan Standeven and her husband Doug of Richmond, R.I., Sally Wardwell and her husband Jeff of Belmont, N.H., and Louise Rice and her

husband Willie of Bethel; a brother, Thomas C. Snyder of Franklin, N.H.; three sisters, Louise and Bob Ferguson of Killingworth, Conn., Vivian and Walter Dower of Portland, Conn., and Ron's twin sister Roberta and Dan Scribner of Harrison, and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the West Bethel Union Church on Friday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m., with the Rev. John Williams officiating. Spring burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Bethel. Donations in Ron's memory are suggested to the Bethel Recreation Board, P.O. Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217. Online condolences may be left at www.andrewsgreenleafnecfuneralhomes.com.

CLARA LILLIAN ROLFE
Clara Lillian (Luxton) Rolfe, 96, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007.

Clara was born the youngest of ten children on Jan. 2, 1911, in West Bethel, daughter of Thaddeus and Minnie Luxton. She was married to the late Bernard S. Rolfe of West Bethel, on Oct. 25, 1929. She lived in West Bethel except for the 20 plus winters she spent in Arlington, Texas. She made several trips to Florida.

She loved playing the organ and the piano. She was a member of the West Bethel Union Church.

Survivors include sons Richard and wife Joanne of Niceville, Fla., Burton and wife Cleo of Arlington, Texas, and Howard of Woodland, Maine; five grandchildren, Susan and husband Matthew Bridge, David Rolfe, B. Phil, Jr. and wife Maria, James and wife Meaghan, and Debbie Rolfe; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends. Her nieces Elizabeth Gilbert, Arlene Lowell, and Freda Davis were most helpful to her in her final years.

Graveside funeral services will be held in the spring at a time to be announced. Online condolences may be left at www.Andrews-Greenleaf-funeral-homes.com.

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